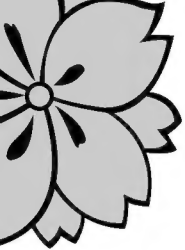


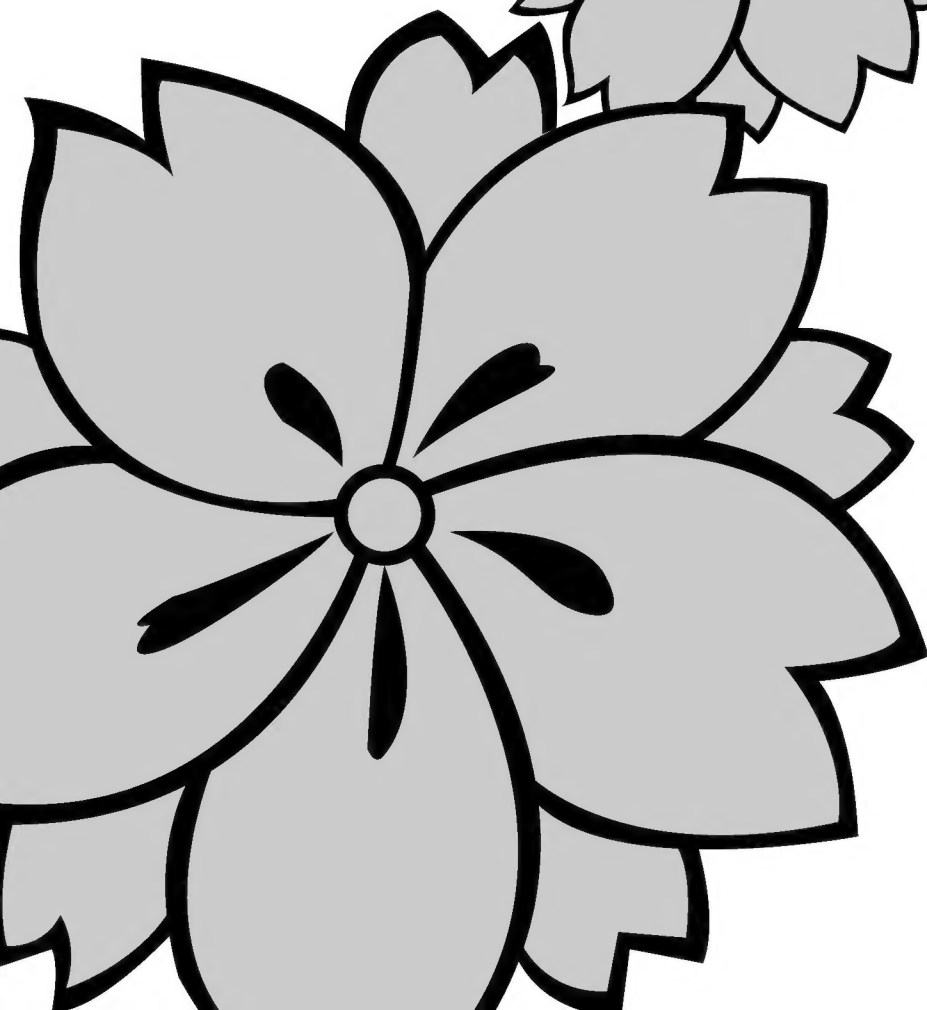
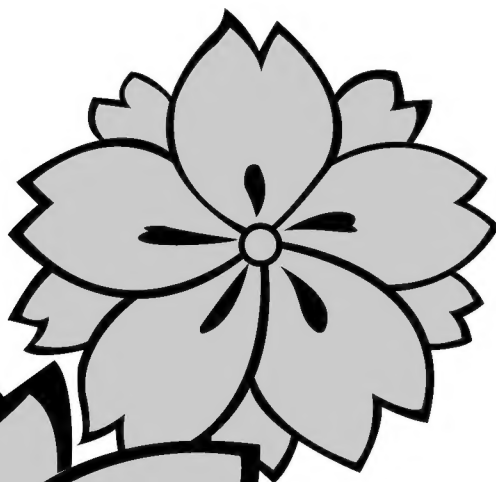
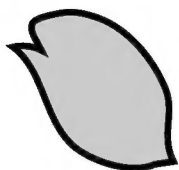
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Yozakura Quartet

Suzuhito
Yasuda



YOZAKURA QUARTET 9



A RAMBUNCTIOUS, MOODY, NOODLE-LOVING, SCARF-CLAD DEMON HIGH SCHOOLER AND THE MAYOR OF SAKURASHIN. LATELY, SHE'S STARTED LEARNING HOW TO COOK IN AN EFFORT TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT. EVEN SO, IT SEEMS SHE STILL LOVES AKINA'S COOKING THE MOST.



**HIME
YARIZAKURA**



**AKINA
HIIZUMI**

THE DIRECTOR OF THE HIIZUMI LIFE COUNSELING OFFICE. AS ABOUT 20% OF HIS WORKDAY GOES INTO MAKING FOOD FOR HIME AND HIS EMPLOYEES, HE'S OFTEN IN THE OFFICE VERY LATE.

Quartet of cherry blossoms in the night

YOZAKURA QUARTET

CHARACTER
PROFILE

AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HIIZUMI LIFE COUNSELING OFFICE. SHE'S AS MUCH OF A RICE FANATIC AS HIME IS A NOODLE FANATIC. THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY MEAN BY "TWO GREAT RIVALS CANNOT COEXIST."



**AO
NANAMI**



**KOTOHA
ISONO**

A PART-TIME WORKER AT THE HIIZUMI LIFE COUNSELING OFFICE. SHE WEARS GLASSES, IS INTO GIRLS, AND HAS BIG BOOBS, AMONG OTHER CLICHES, BUT SHE ALSO HAS THE MOST REFRESHING PERSONALITY.



**KYOSUKE
KISHI**

HIME'S ASSISTANT AND OVERSEER (BABYSITTER). HE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH HIME AND TOUKA, SO HIS DAYS ARE FILLED WITH STRESS.



**TOUKA
KISHI**

KYOSUKE'S YOUNGER SISTER AND THE FAIRER HALF OF THE TWO ONI SIBLINGS. THAT SAID, SHE LEADS THE MOST NORMAL LIFE, AS BEFITTING A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL. SHE USED TO DO ARCHERY, BUT NOW PRACTICES AIKIDO.

THE LAND GOD OF SAKURASHIN.
SHE CAN OFTEN BE SEEN LOITERING
AROUND TOWN, SO SHE'S NOT THE
MOST DIGNIFIED DEITY.



**YAE
SHINATSUHIKO**

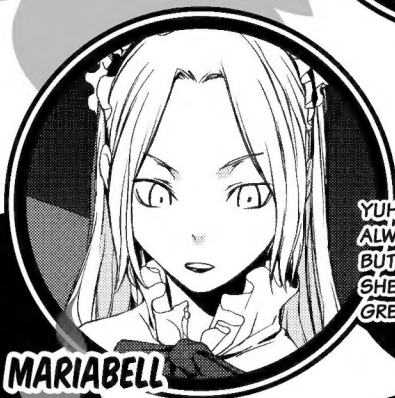
THE DISTRICT MAYOR WHO COORDINATES
THE TOWNS. HE IS ALSO A LAND GOD.
DEEP DOWN, HE IS A PERVERSED
OLD MAN.



**YUI
SHINATSUHIKO**



JURI A DEMON, DOCTOR, AND TOWN
ICON. SHE HAS BEEN
ABSTAINING FROM SHOW
BUSINESS LATELY.



MARIABELL

YUI'S SECRETARY. SHE IS
ALWAYS ORDERED TO COSPLAY,
BUT SHE SEEMS TO ENJOY IT.
SHE IS ALSO JURI'S GREAT-
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.

A JIANGSHI WHO WORKS AT A RAMEN RESTAURANT.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S ALWAYS SLACKING OFF, BUT
SHE'S SURPRISINGLY DILIGENT. WAS KIDNAPPED
BUT RETURNED SAFELY.



**RIN
AZUMA**

**SHIDOU
MIZUKI**



HE IS A COP, BUT EVERYONE TENDS
TO FORGET THAT FACT. HE IS BUSY
WATCHING OVER MINA AND KANA.



**KANA
TATEBAYASHI**

**MINA
TATEBAYASHI**

TWINS WHO ARE MERMAID-VAMPIRE
HYBRIDS. THEY GROW WHEN THEY
IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN WATER.



**ZAKURO
KURUMAKI**

RIN'S FORMER MASTER AND A NECROMANCER, SHE
ATTACKED SAKURASHIN IN ORDER TO TAKE BACK RIN
BUT WAS THWARTED AND REFORMED.

**ENJIN
HIIZUMI**



A DESCENDANT OF ENYOU HIIZUMI. HE TOOK OVER
THE BODY OF GIN, AO'S OLDER BROTHER, AND HE
IS PLANNING TO MAKE THE SEVEN PILLARS BLOOM
IN ORDER TO MERGE THE TWO DIMENSIONS.



**USUZUMI
IYO**

SENATE



**UZU
KIBUNE**



**SHIDARE
MORIOKA**

OUTLINE

AMIDST THE RETURN OF PEACEFUL—OR, RATHER, LAZY—
DAYS, A WITCH APPEARS WITH A HOW-DO-YOU-DO. WAIT,
WASN'T SHE WITH ENJIN BEFORE...? THEN DOESN'T THAT
MAKE HER A DEMON HUNTER?!

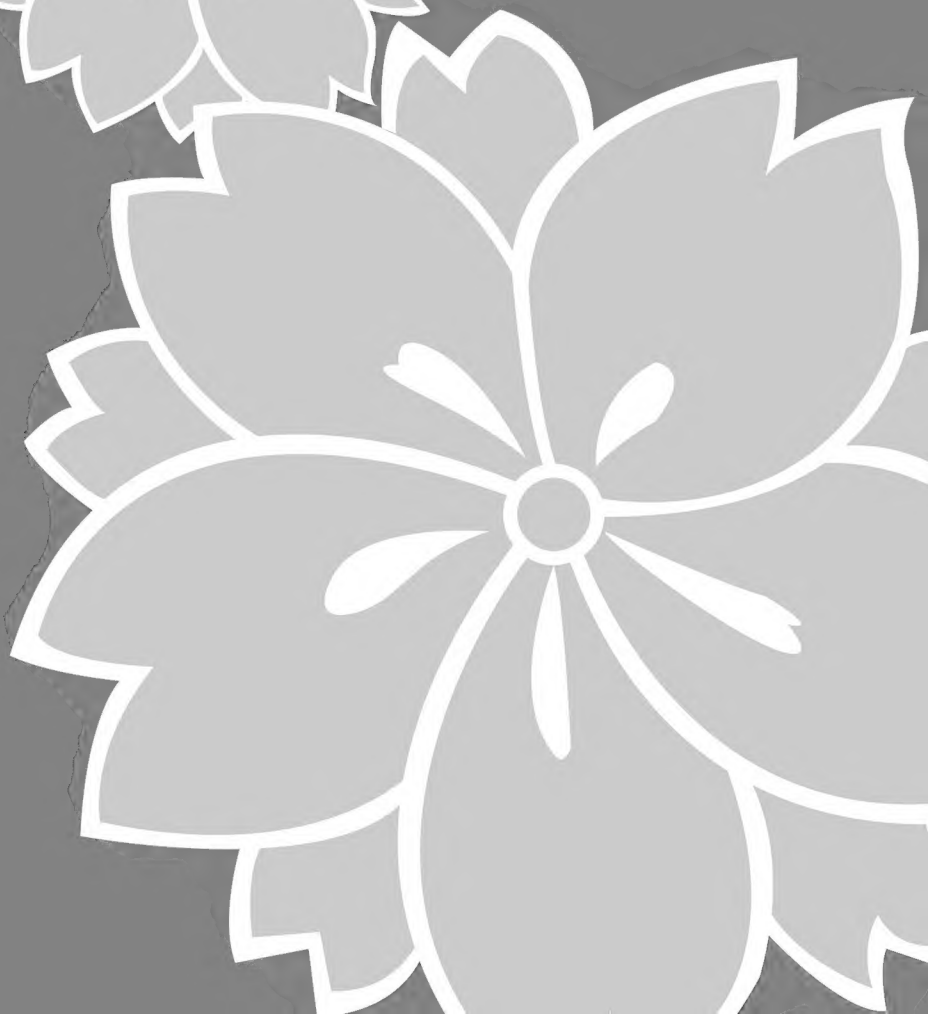


YOZAKURA QUARTET

C O N T E N T S

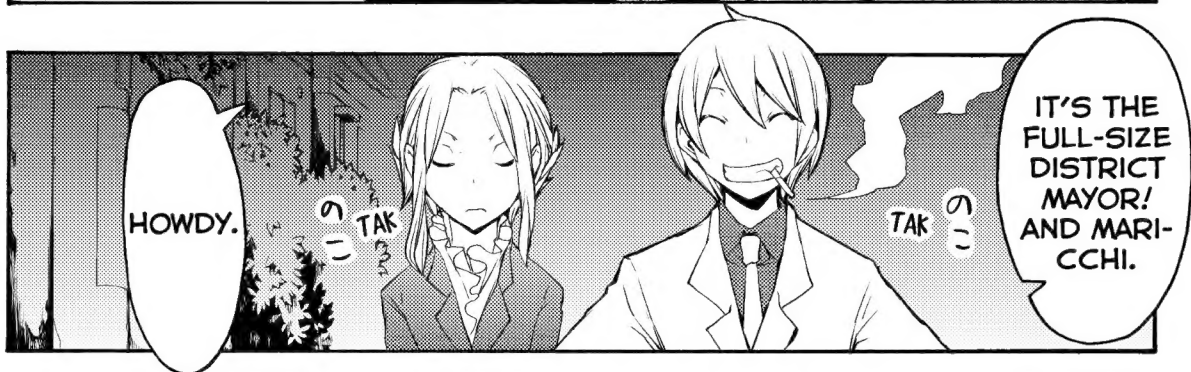


007	SONG OF FLOWERS (PART 2)
039	SONG OF FLOWERS (PART 3)
073	SONG OF FLOWERS (PART 4)
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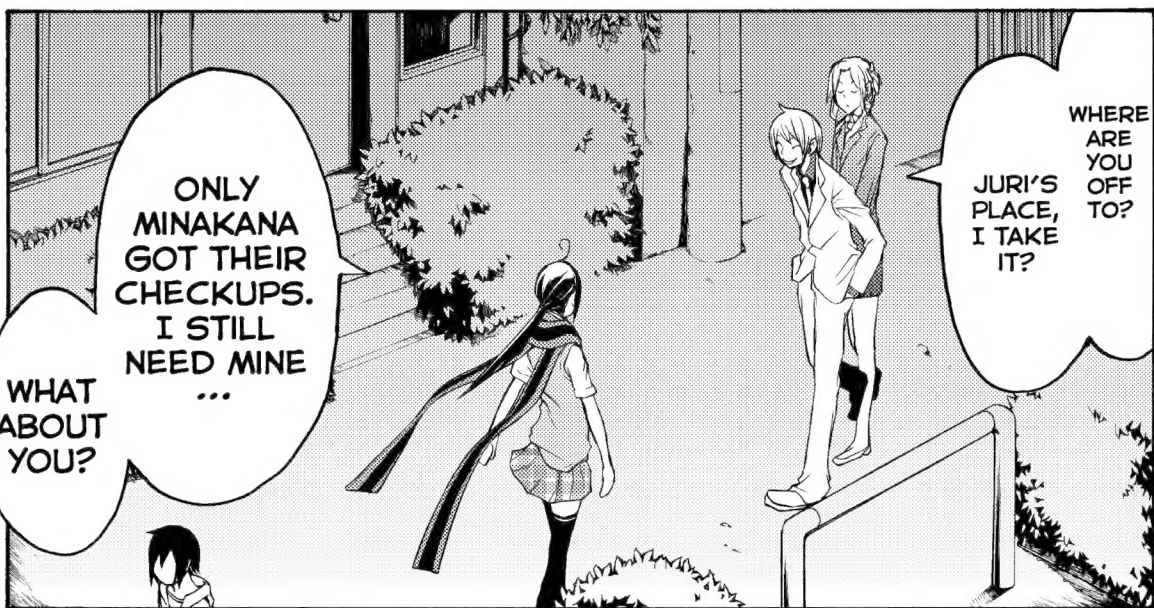


OH!



HOWDY.

IT'S THE
FULL-SIZE
DISTRICT
MAYOR!
AND MARI-
CCHI.



ONLY
MINAKANA
GOT THEIR
CHECKUPS.
I STILL
NEED MINE
...

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

JURI'S
PLACE,
I TAKE
IT?

WHERE
ARE
YOU
OFF TO?



WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
BEING
SMALL?

GOTTA
STAND
TALL
WHEN I
LEAVE
THE DIS-
TRICT, AT
LEAST.

CAN'T
SMOKE
OTHER-
WISE,
EITHER.

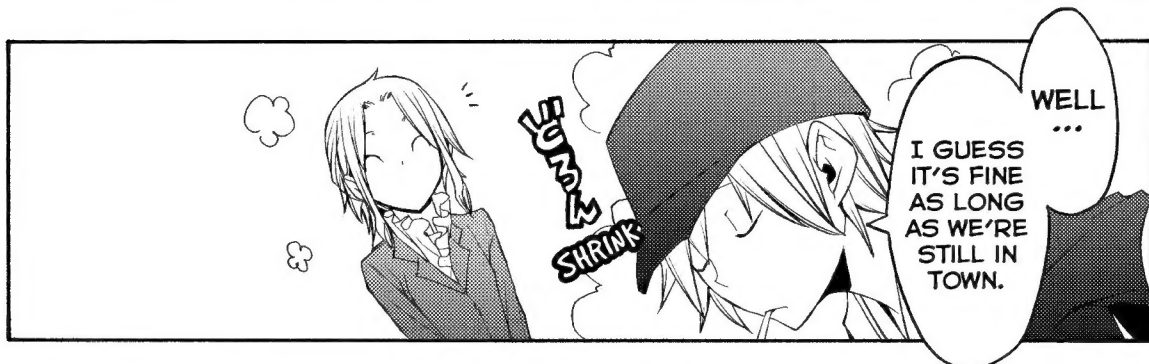


SO
THAT'S
WHY
YOU'RE
BIG
TODAY.

A GLOOMY
MEETING...

I
HAVE A
MEETING
WITH
SOME
SUITS
FROM
THE CITY.

I MIGHT
NOT LOOK
THE TYPE,
BUT I DO
TAKE MY
DUTIES
SERIOUSLY.







PARTIC-
ULARLY
...
TONIGHT.

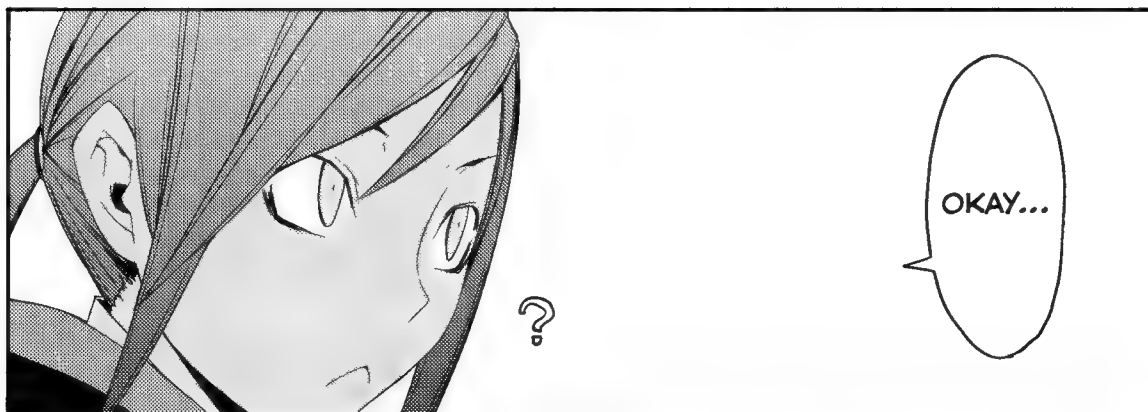
TAKE
CARE OF
JURI FOR
ME.



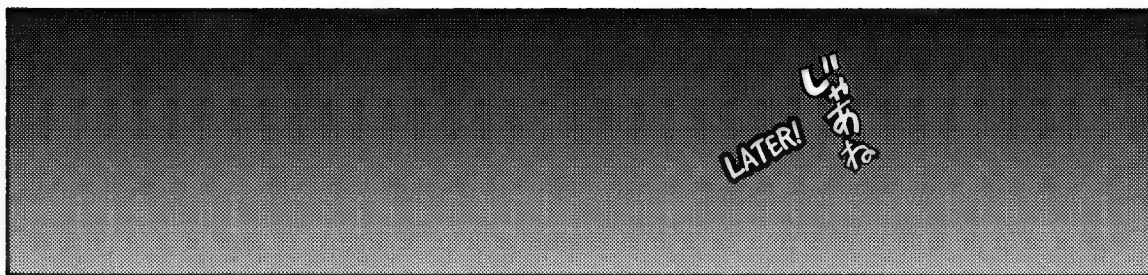
HUH?

ALL
RIGHT,
HIME.

I'M
COUN-
TIN' ON
YOU.



OKAY...



LATER!
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WELL,
THEN.

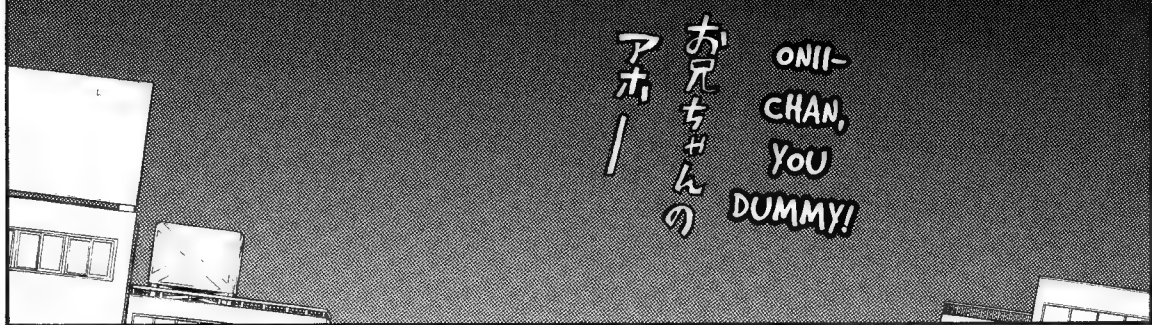
LOOKS
LIKE...



...ANOTHER
LONG NIGHT
IS ABOUT
TO BEGIN.



45TH NIGHT SONG OF FLOWERS (PART TWO)









A...
MAGIC
TRICK?

I'LL
GIVE YOU
SOME
SPECIAL
SERVICE
SINCE
YOU'RE
SO HAND-
SOME.

I
ASSURE
YOU.

FWOOO

THERE
ARE NO
TRICKS,
NO GIM-
MICKS.

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Dazed

おおお
10
10
CLAP
CLAP

やん
やん
RABBLE
RABBLE





THAT
DOES
IT FOR
TODAY.

...

WELL,
IF YOU
SAY
SO...

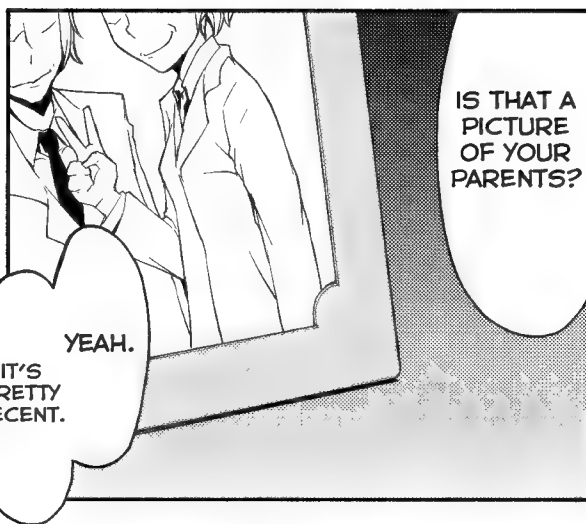
YOU
SHOULD
BE FINE
IF YOU
HAVE AN
APPETITE.

IT WASN'T
A PARTICULARLY
BAD
COLD,
ANYWAY.



TAKE
CARE OF
JURI,

HUH?



IS THAT A
PICTURE
OF YOUR
PARENTS?

YEAH.

IT'S
PRETTY
RECENT.



SOMETHING
WRONG?

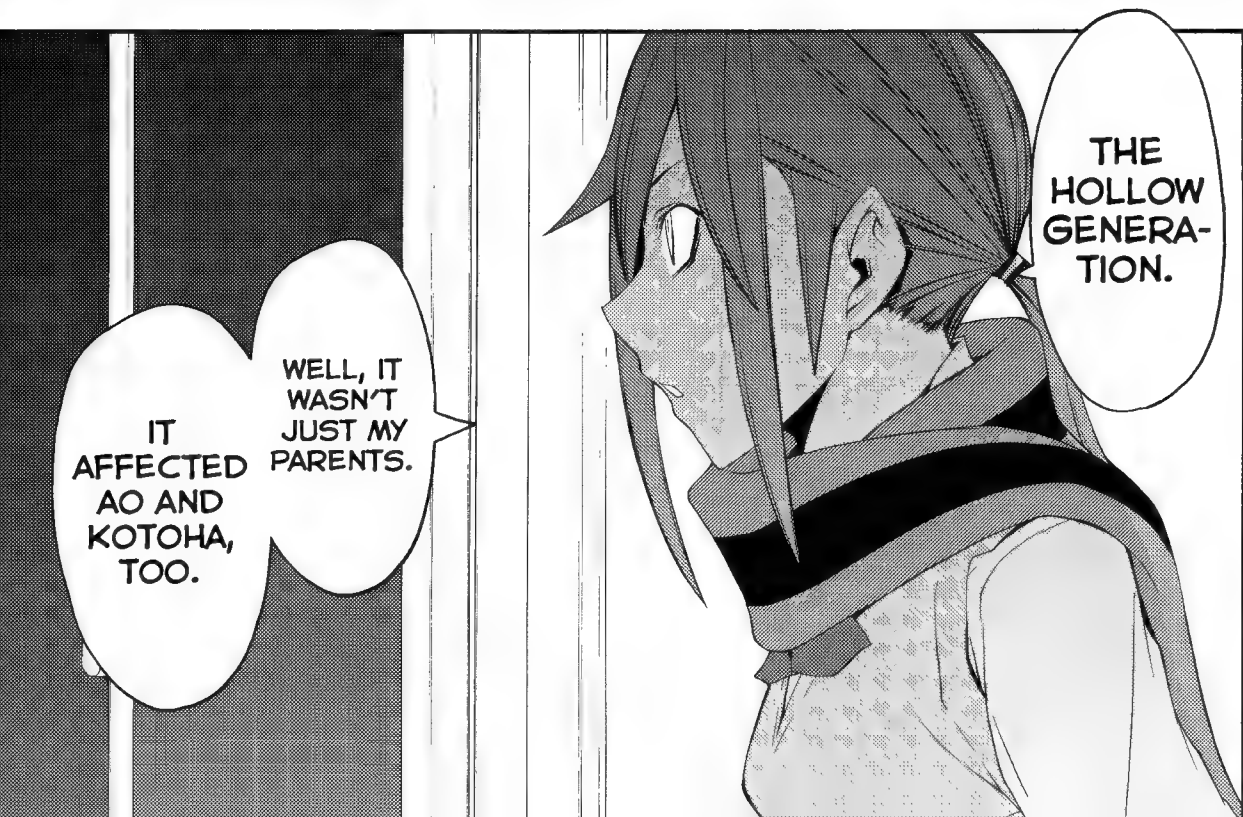
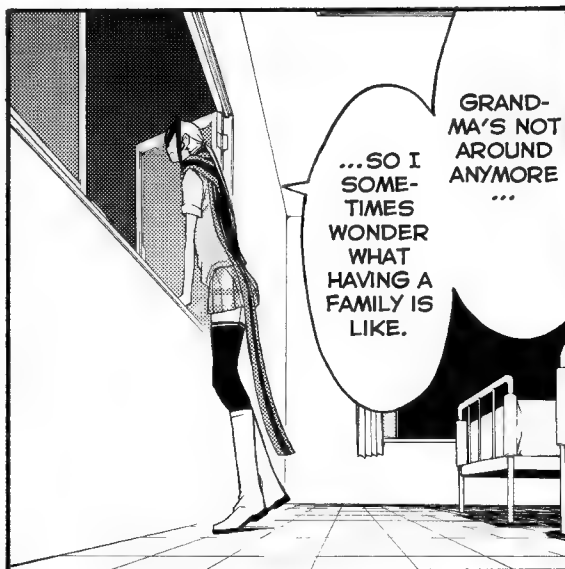
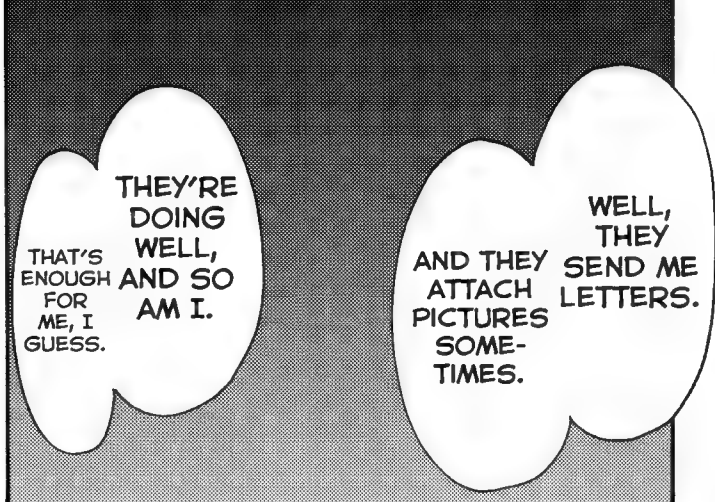
OH...
IT'S
NOTHING.



HMM?

MMM
...

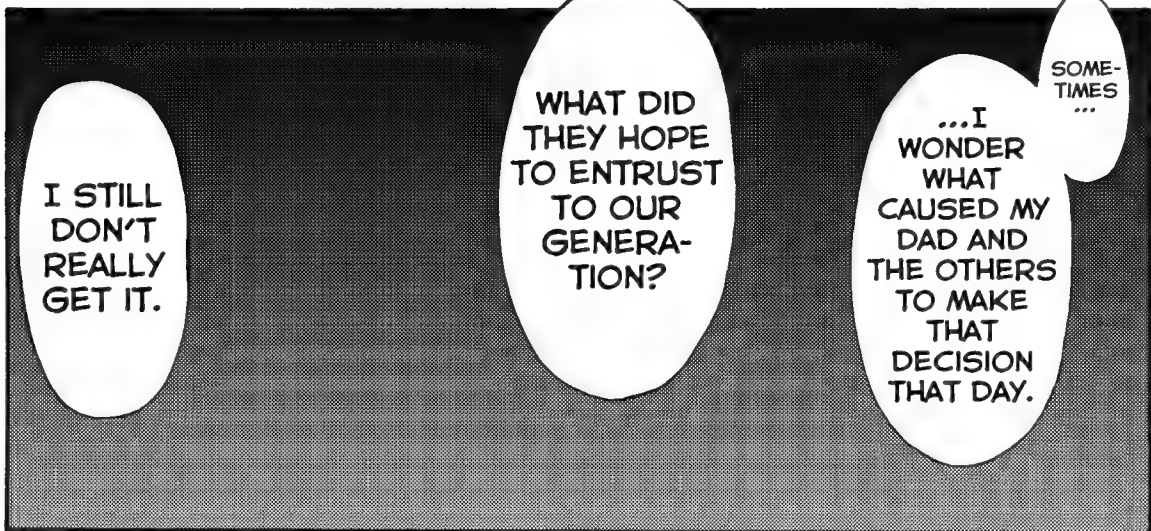
YOU
HAVEN'T
GONE
BACK TO
ENGLAND
IN YEARS,
RIGHT?
DO YOU
EVER
MISS
THEM?





IT FEELS
WRONG
TO SAY
HOW DO I
DO I
PUT
IT?
I MISS
THEM.

THAT
BEING SAID,
I DON'T
REMEMBER
MY PARENTS
AT ALL.

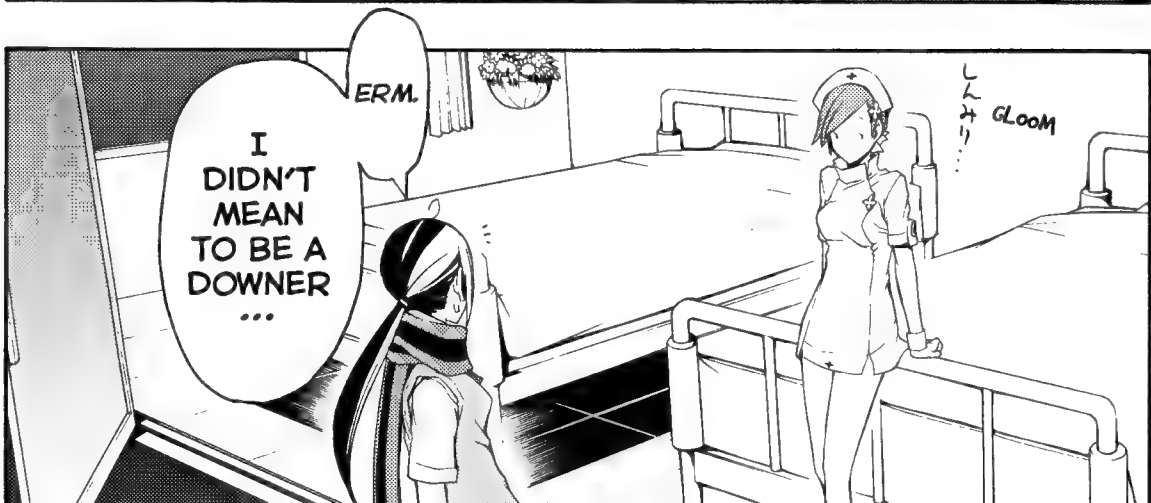
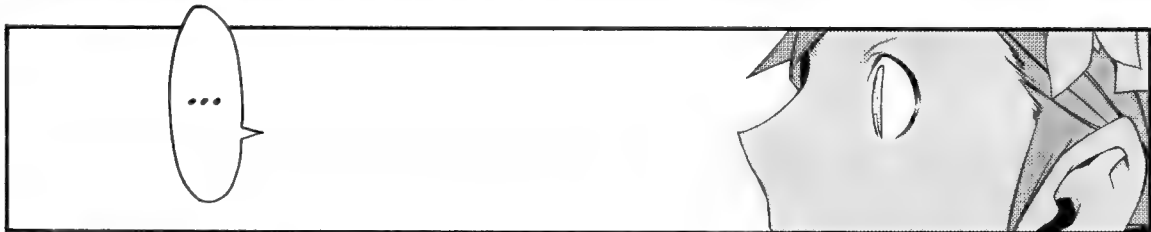


I STILL
DON'T
REALLY
GET IT.

WHAT DID
THEY HOPE
TO ENTRUST
TO OUR
GENERA-
TION?

...I
WONDER
WHAT
CAUSED MY
DAD AND
THE OTHERS
TO MAKE
THAT
DECISION
THAT DAY.

SOME-
TIMES
...



I
DIDN'T
MEAN
TO BE A
DOWNER
...

ERM.

しんみり...
Gloom



AND YOU,
JURI-SAN.

THEN
THERE'S
YAE-SAN,
MARI-
CCHI,

THOUGH
SOME-
TIMES
AO ACTS
LIKE MY
MOM...

AND AO
AND RIN
ARE LIKE
LITTLE
SISTERS
TO ME.

I MEAN,
I HAVE
KYOSUKE
AND TOUKA
WAITING
FOR ME
AT HOME.



I HAVE
A LOT
OF BIG
SIS-
TERS,
TOO.

THINGS
ARE TOO
LIVELY
FOR ME
TO BE
LONELY!



OKAY!



I'M
HUN-
GRY.

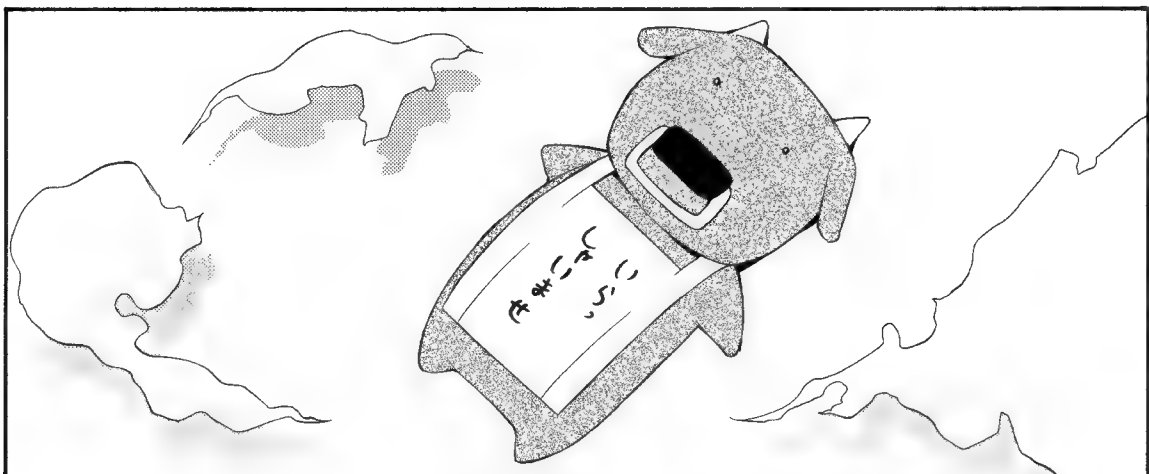
GUESS
I'LL
HEAD
HOME.

RUMBLE



*An idiom meaning someone has done something to work out in your favor.





Sign: Welcome!





BUT
I'LL TAKE
TOTAL
CONTROL
BEFORE
TOO LONG!

THIS
BODY IS
STILL ONLY
HALF MINE,
SO MY
POWER IS
HALVED,
TOO.



I
SURE
HAVE
COME A
WAYS.

PHEW.
THAT
WAS A
LONG
FALL.

...THIS
WORLD
WILL BE
IN THE
PALM-

ONCE I
FULLY
DEMON-
IZE THIS
BODY...

SURE IS
CROWDED.

SO,
THIS
IS THE
OTHER
DIMEN-
SION...

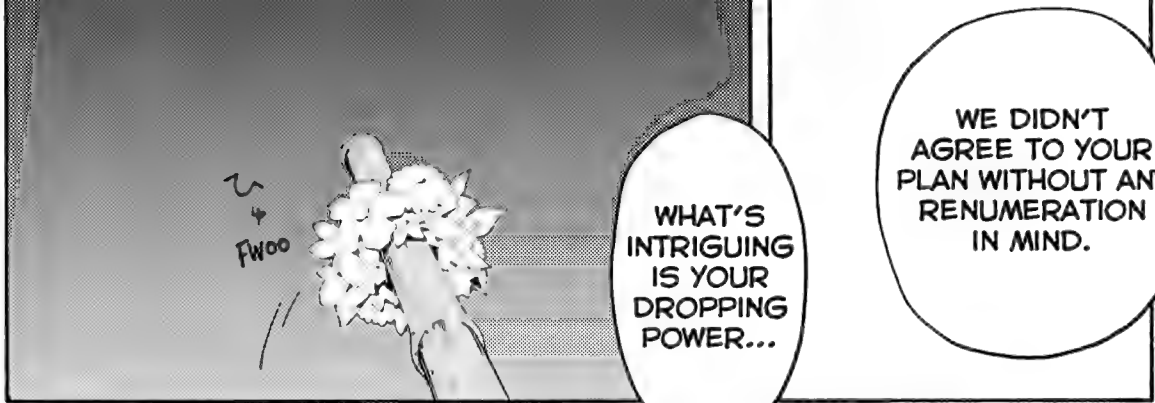


OOPS.

ENOUGH
WITH THE
VOICE-
OVER.

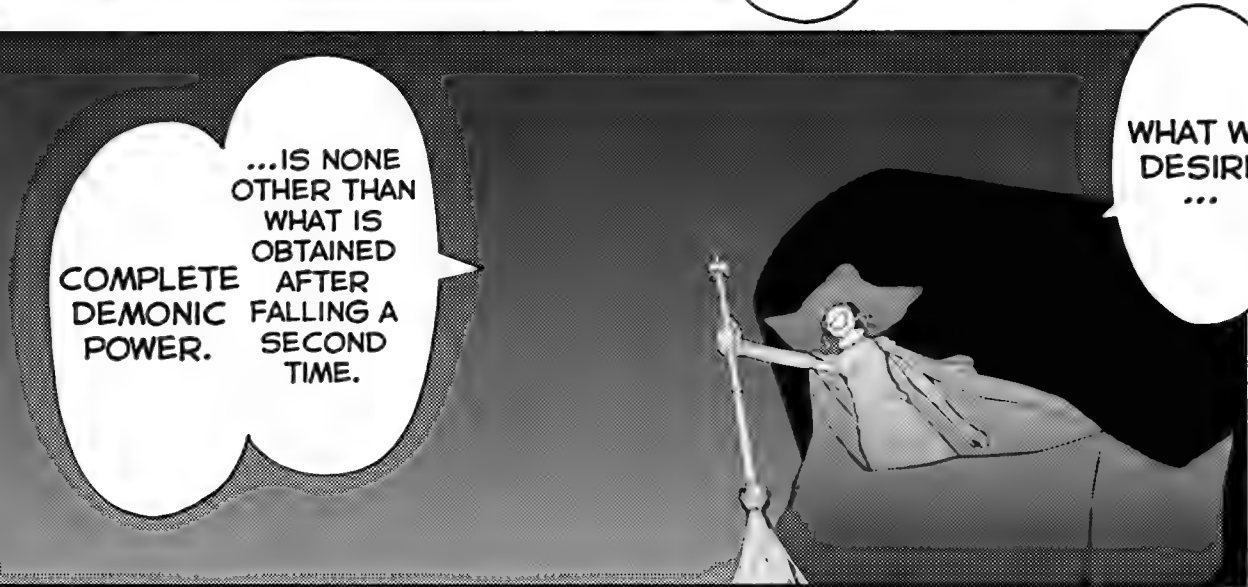






WHAT'S
INTRIGUING
IS YOUR
DROPPING
POWER...

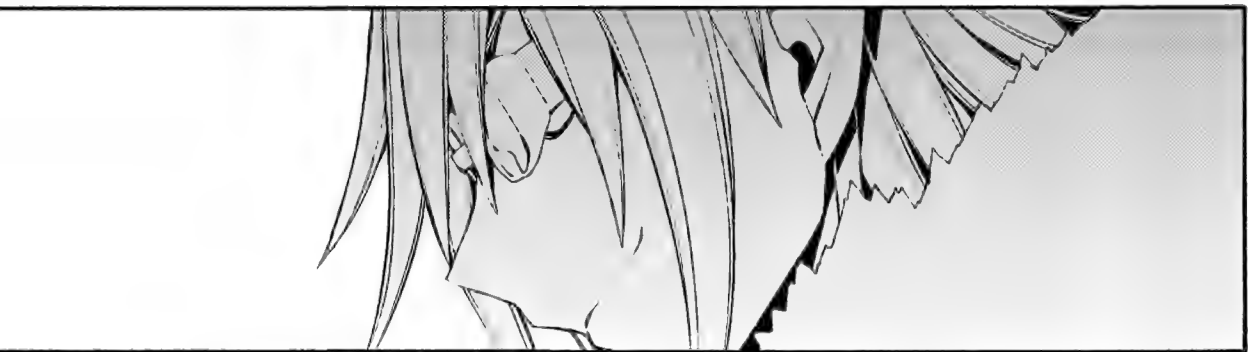
WE DIDN'T
AGREE TO YOUR
PLAN WITHOUT ANY
RENUMERATION
IN MIND.



...IS NONE
OTHER THAN
WHAT IS
OBTAINED
AFTER
FALLING A
SECOND
TIME.

COMPLETE
DEMONIC
POWER.

WHAT WE
DESIRE
...



DON'T
FORGET
YOU'RE
NOT AC-
CLIMATED
ENOUGH
TO THIS
WORLD...

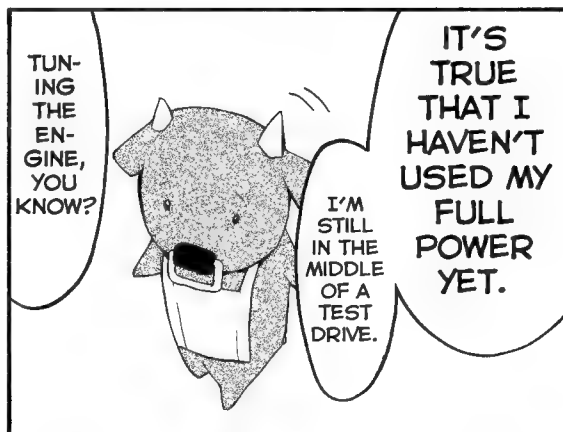
...TO DO
THINGS IN
A HURRY.

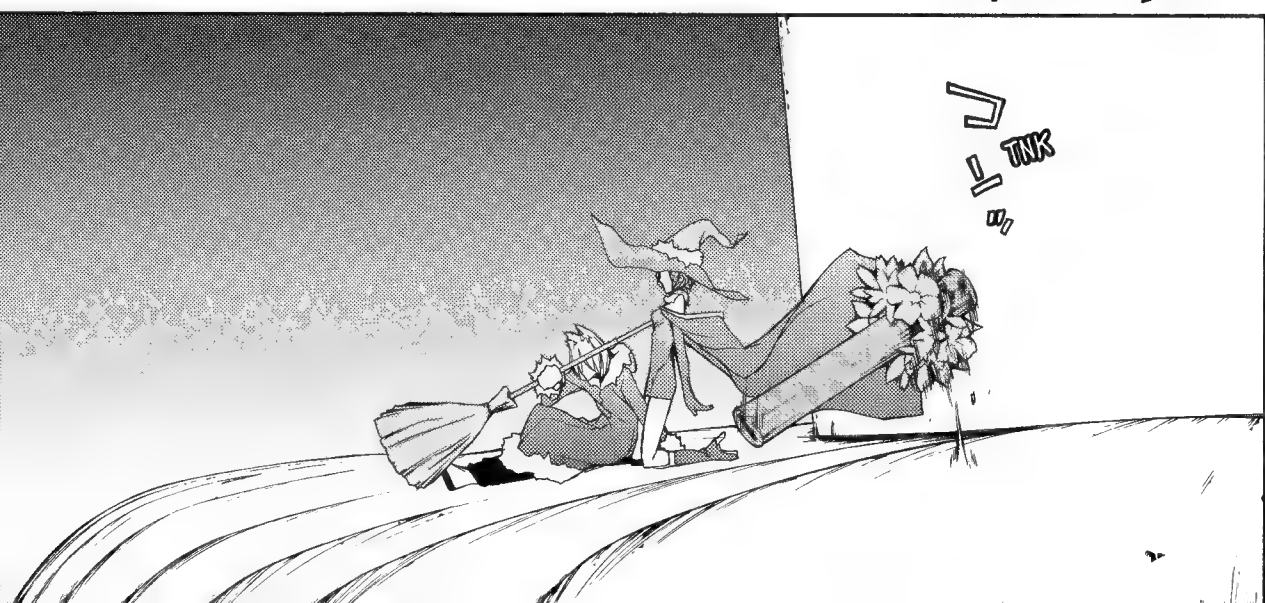
OH
HO
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HO
HO!

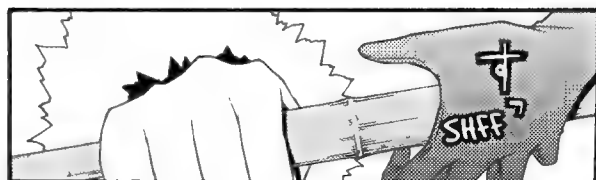
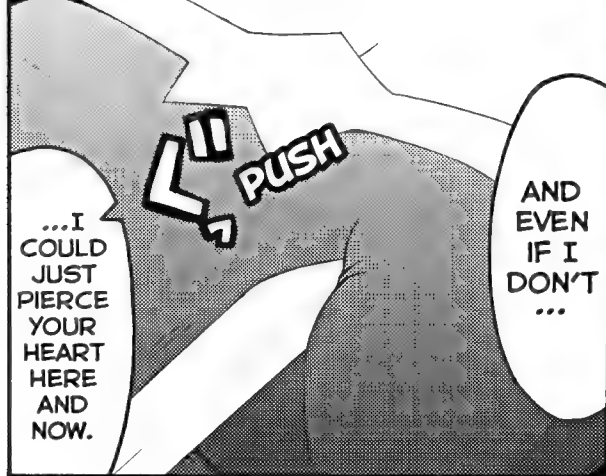
YOU
BLUFF!

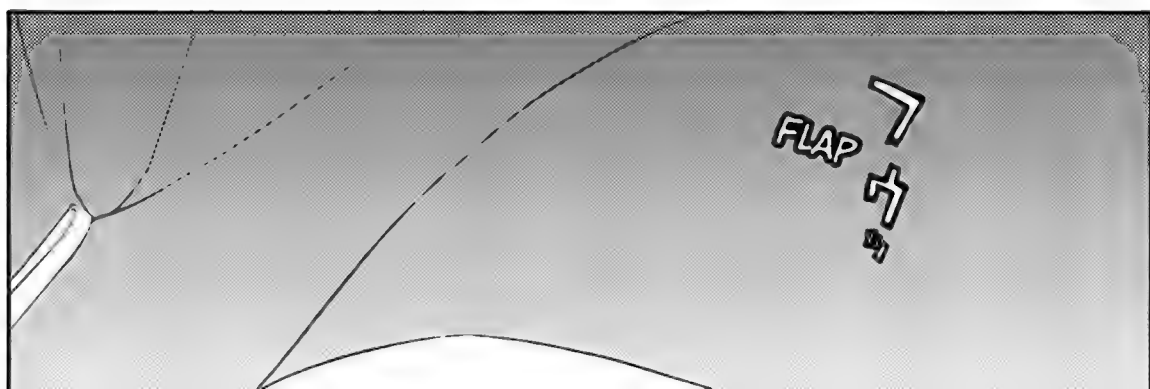
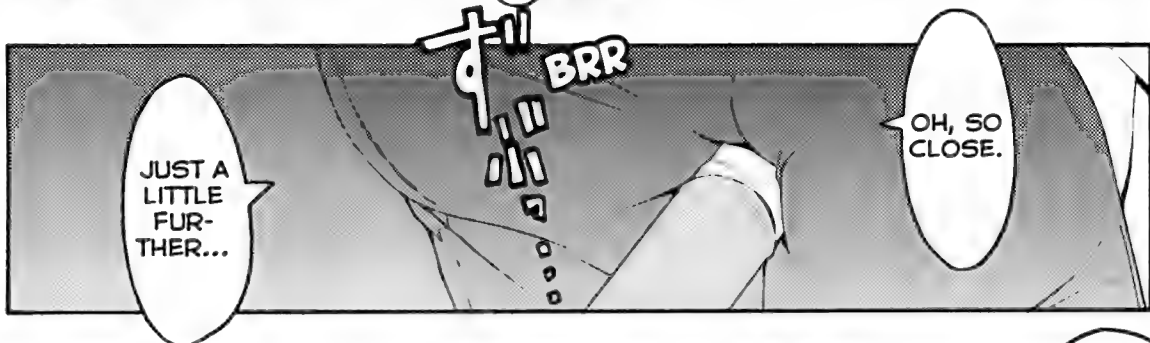
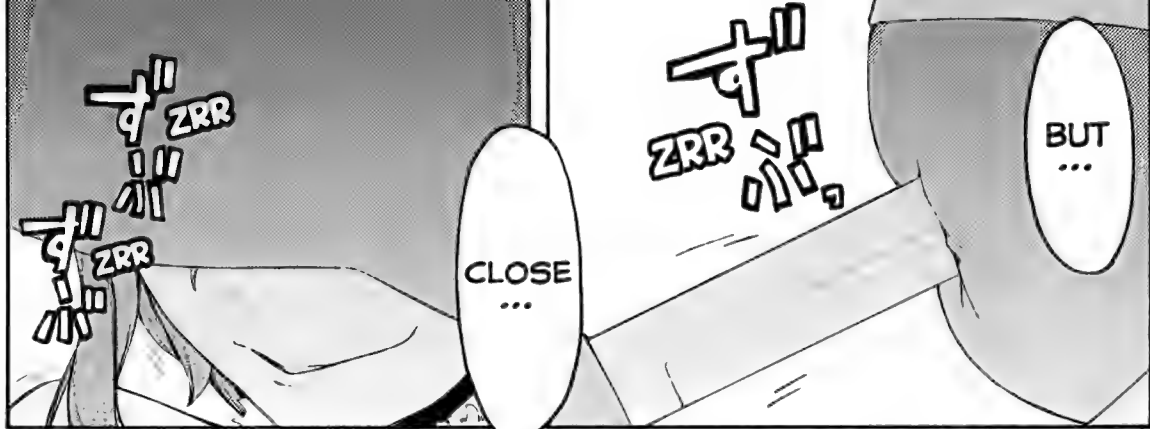
THEN
BRING
YOUR
FRIENDS,
ALREADY.

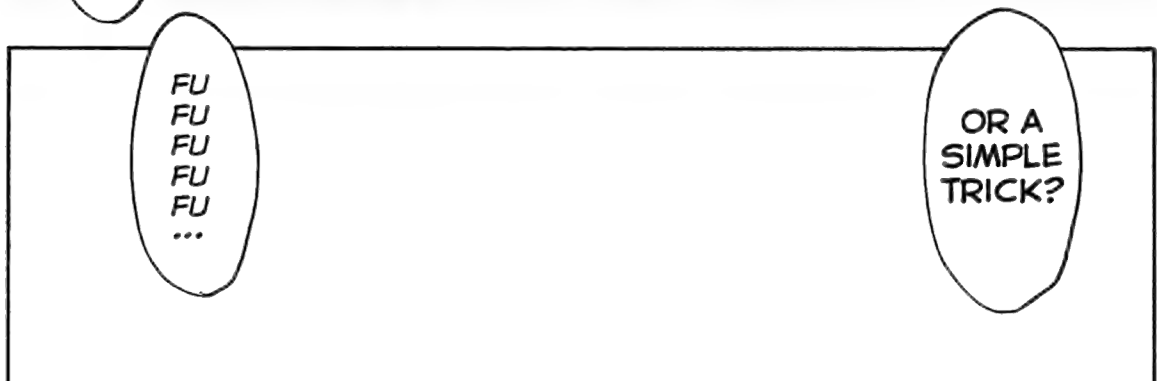
CALL
THE
WHOLE
GANG.

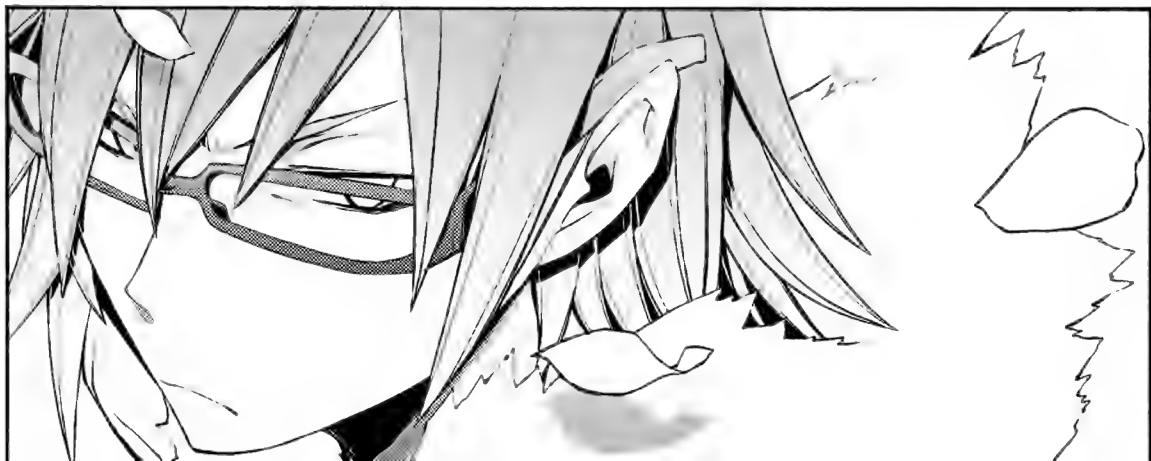














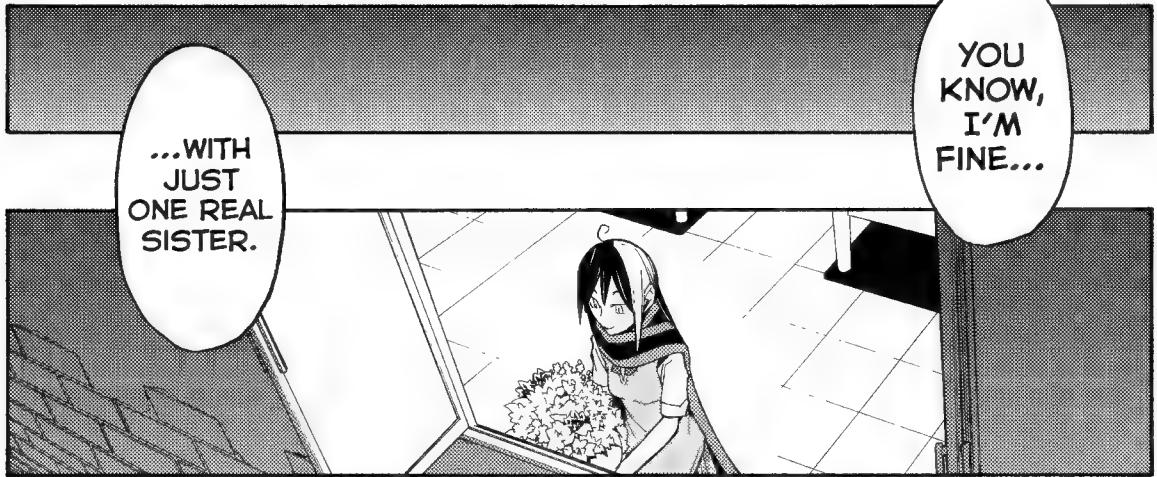
MY REASON IS SIMPLE ENOUGH.

OH, WELL ...

ME?

WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS TOWN?

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS AROUND.



...WITH JUST ONE REAL SISTER.

YOU KNOW, I'M FINE...



I JUST FIGURED YOU'D APPRECIATE FLOWERS THE MOST.

DON'T MENTION IT.

THANK YOU, KYO-SAN.

I'LL PUT THEM HERE, OKAY?



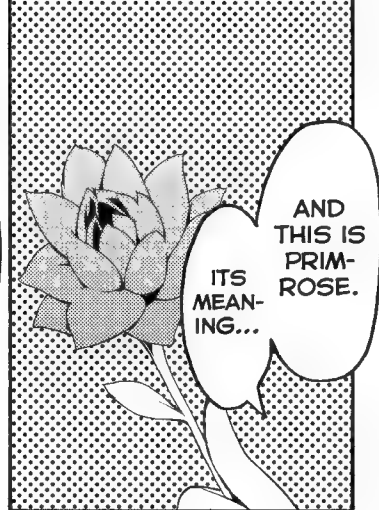
COSMOS ...

CAT-TLEYA, PLUME-RIA...



...IS
"ETER-
NAL
LOVE."

HM
...



ITS
MEAN-
ING...

AND
THIS IS
PRIM-
ROSE.



HUH?

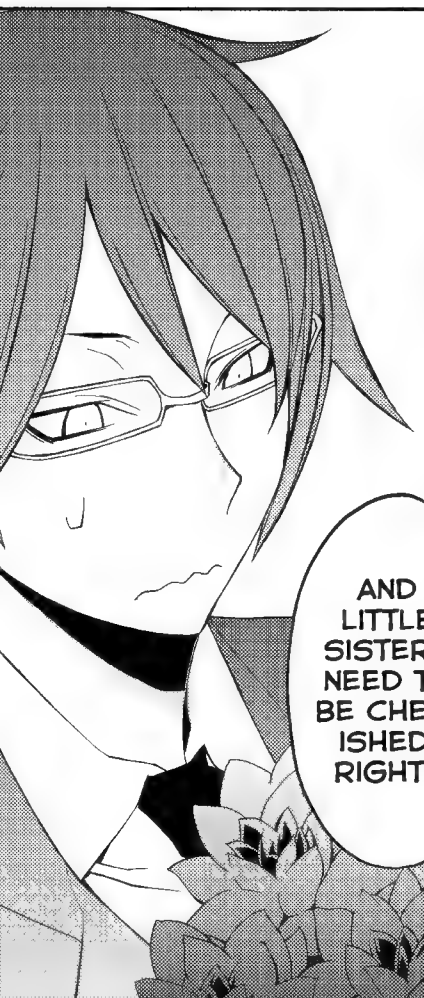


HERE.

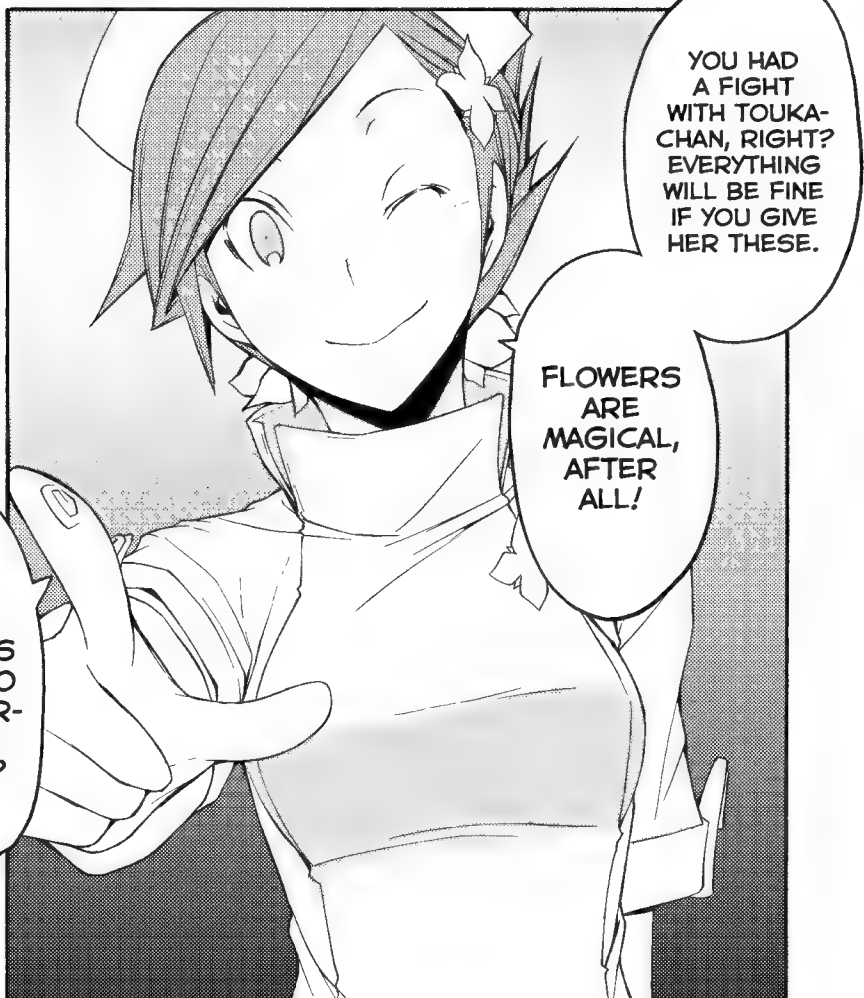


OH,
Y'KNOW.

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RUSTLE

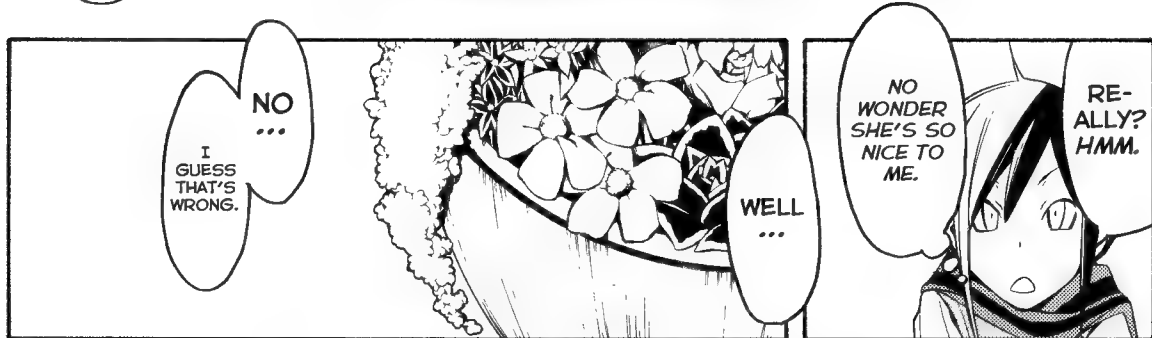


AND
LITTLE
SISTERS
NEED TO
BE CHER-
ISHED,
RIGHT?



YOU HAD
A FIGHT
WITH TOUKA-
CHAN, RIGHT?
EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE
IF YOU GIVE
HER THESE.

FLOWERS
ARE
MAGICAL,
AFTER
ALL!

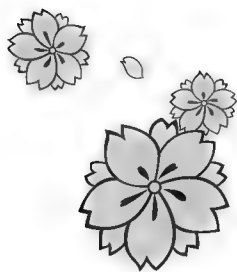




...WHEN
WE WERE
KIDS.



SHE
DIED...



YOZAKURA QUARTET 9



THESE
ARE REAL
FLOWERS,
NOT FAKE.

SHE CHANGES THEM EVERY DAY.

LOOK,
ONEE-
SAMA!

LOOK,
LOOK!

RIGHT
?!

SEE?
THIS
IS THE
CARD YOU
PICKED,
RIGHT?

YOU
GOT
IT.

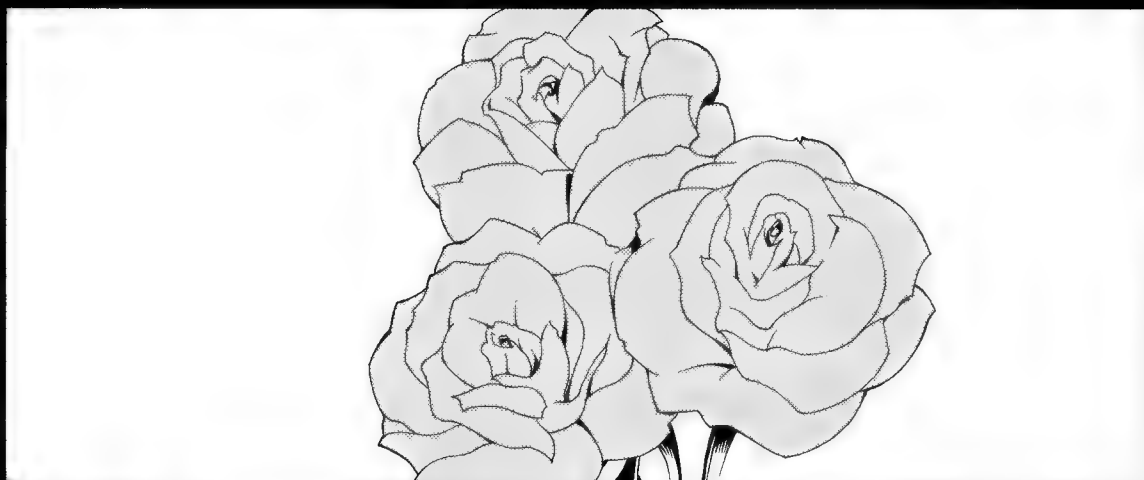
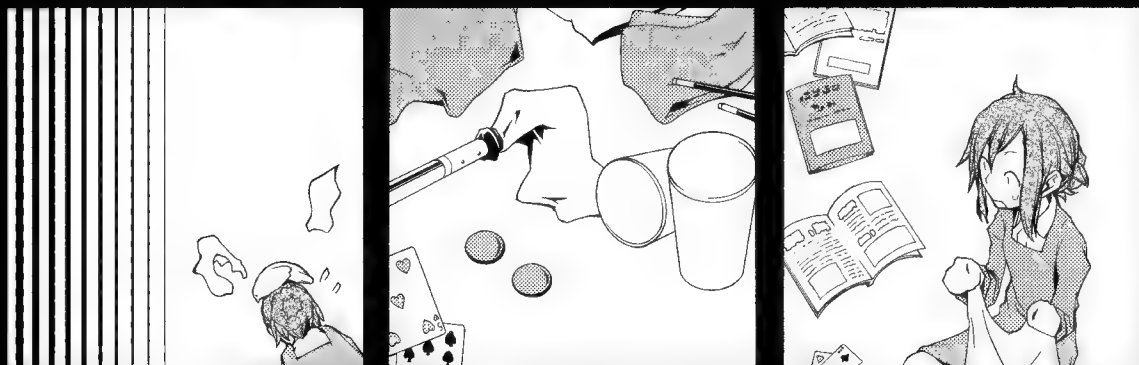
UH-
HUH.

I
HAVE TO
STUDY...

Doom
X
I
L

ERM
...
THAT'S
IT?!

...





BEAM
は
あ
あ

THAT'S
REALLY
NEAT.

YEAH
...

WELL,
ONEE-
SAMA?!



...OF
EVEN MORE
AMAZING
TRICKS
TO SHOW
ONEE-
SAMA.

I
HAVE TO
THINK...



ONEE-
SAMA!



NOTHING
UP MY
SLEEVES!

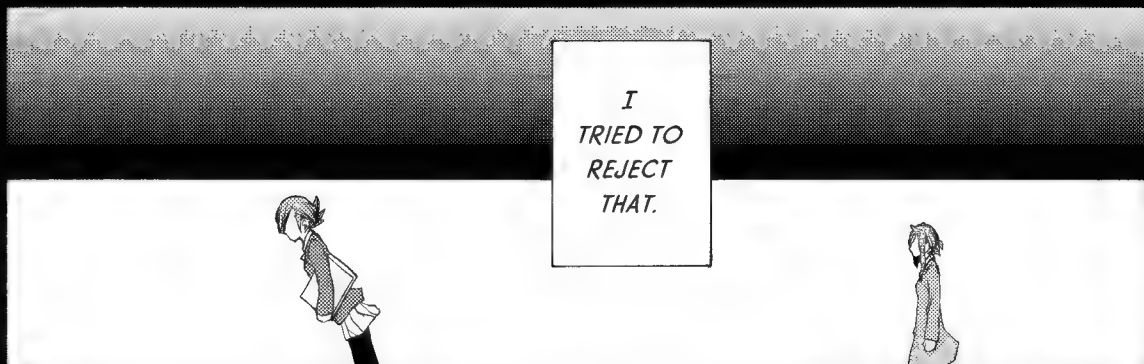
LOOK!



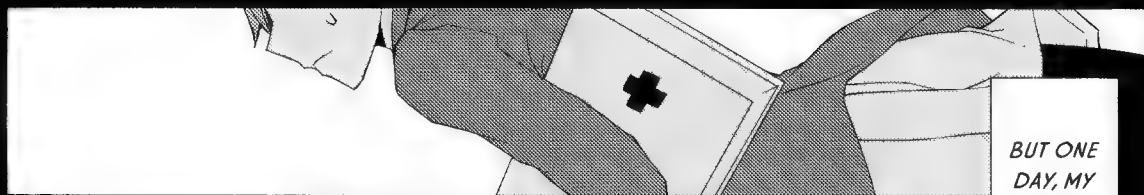
...TO
SHEER
TERROR.

MY
REACTIONS
TO HER
EXCESSIVE
TRICKS
CHANGED
FROM
AMAZEMENT...

ONEE-
SAMA?



I
TRIED TO
REJECT
THAT.



BUT ONE
DAY, MY
FEAR
SHIFTED...



...TO
BEYOND
JUST THE
TRICKS.







LIKE
A JET-
BLACK
ROSE.

...AND
THORNY.

...WAS
BOTH
HEAVY
...

HER
LOVE...

I WAS
AFRAID
OF HER
LOVE.

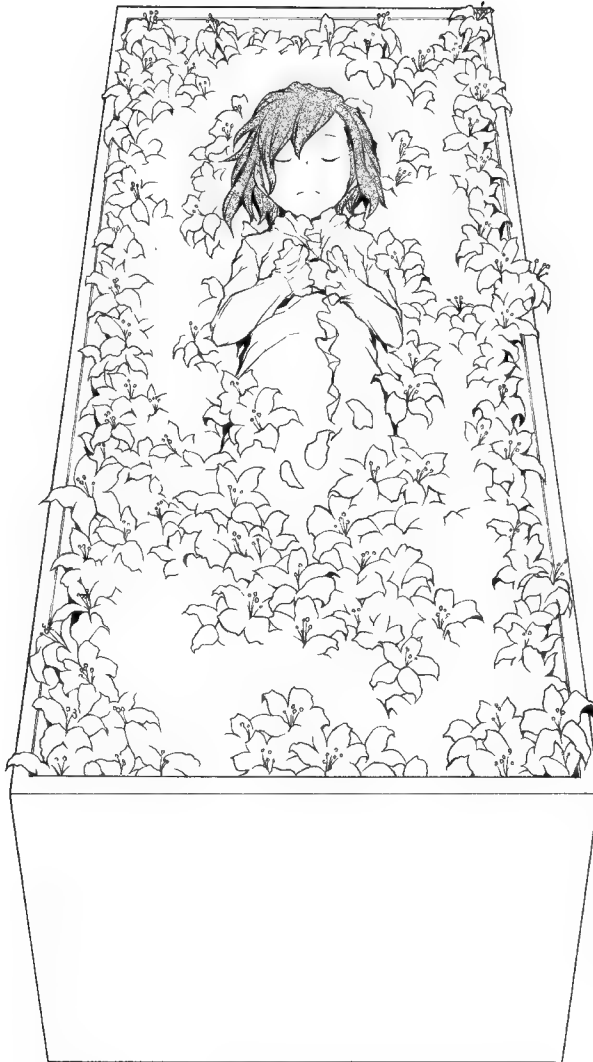
OR, SHOULD
I SAY,
TURNED INTO
SOMETHING
THAT WOULD
NEVER GO
AWAY...

BUT
MY FEAR
SOON
DISAP-
PEARED.

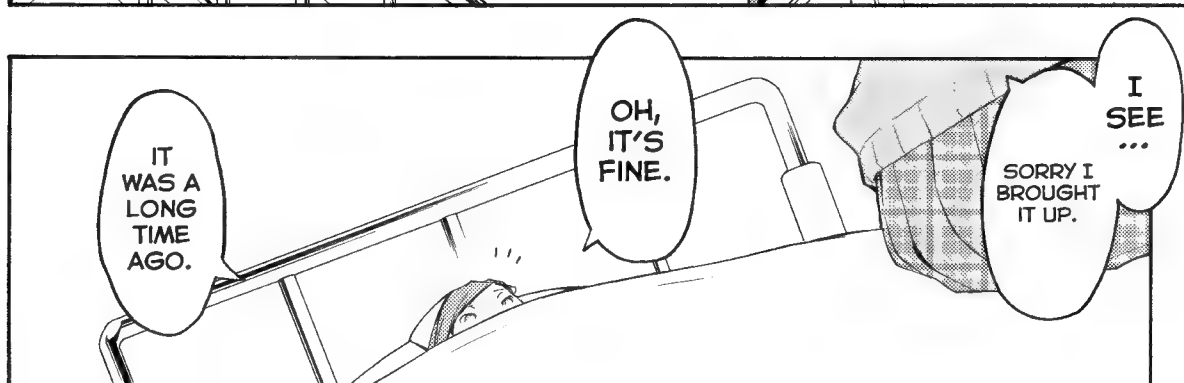
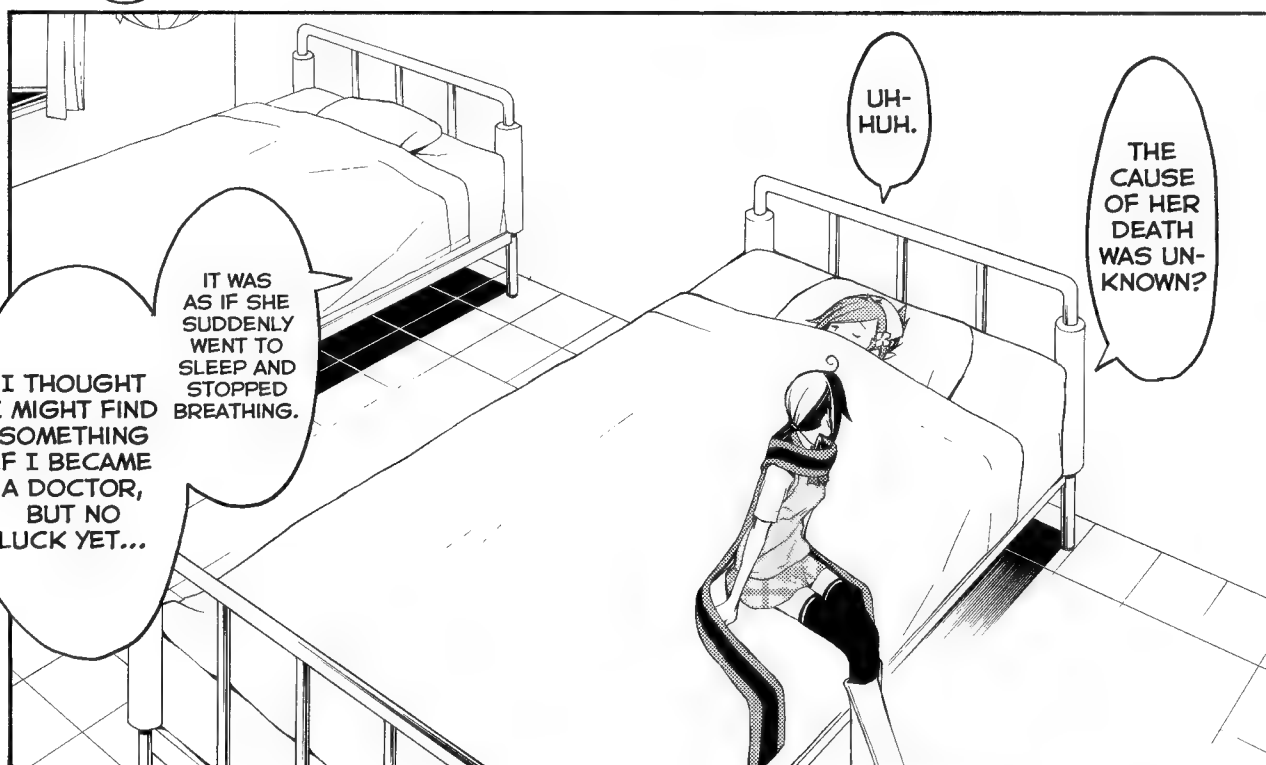
WHY,
YOU
ASK?

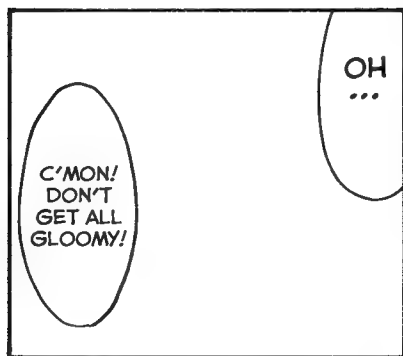
*BECAUSE
ONE
DAY...*

*...SHE
DEPARTED
FROM THIS
WORLD
OUT OF
THE BLUE.*



46TH NIGHT SONG OF FLOWERS (PART THREE)





OH
...

I WANTED
YOU TO
LISTEN
BECAUSE
IT'S AN
IMPORTANT
MEMORY
TO ME.



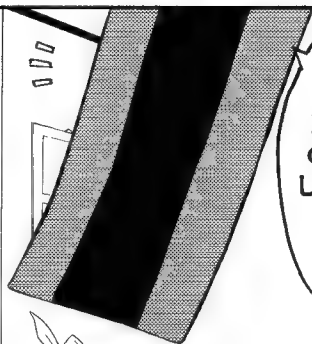
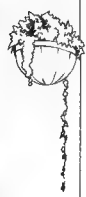
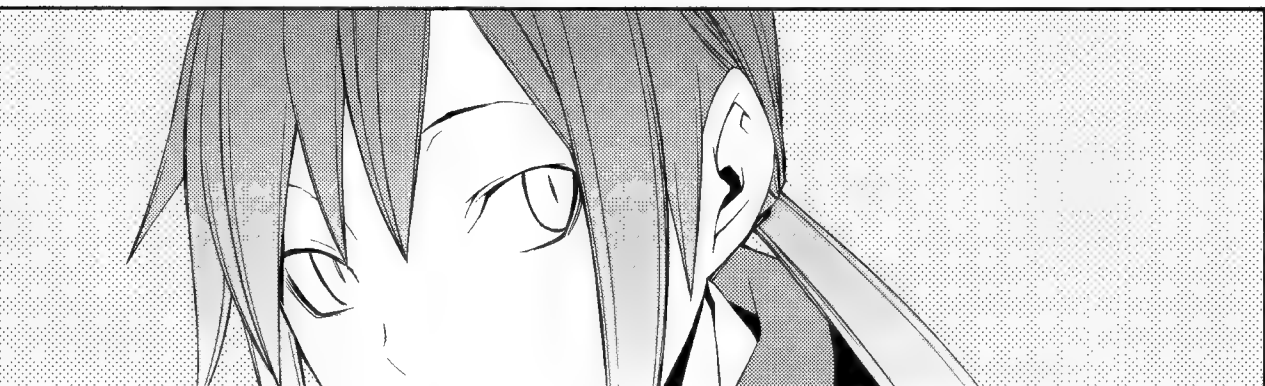
AND NO
MATTER
WHAT I DO,
I CAN'T
BRING MY
SISTER
BACK.

I'M
ALIVE
NOW,



I'VE
MADE A
LOT OF
LITTLE
BROTHERS
AND SISTERS
IN THIS
TOWN!

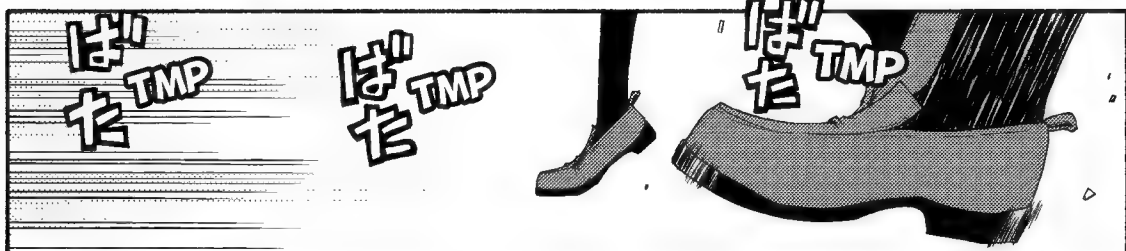
AS I
SAID, THE
PRESENT IS
NOW! I'M
NOT LONELY
AT ALL.



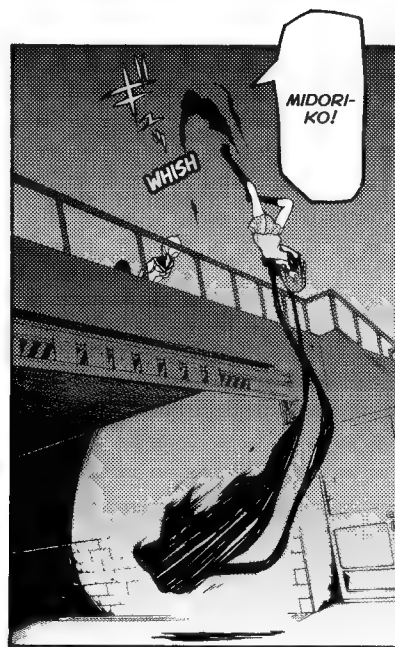
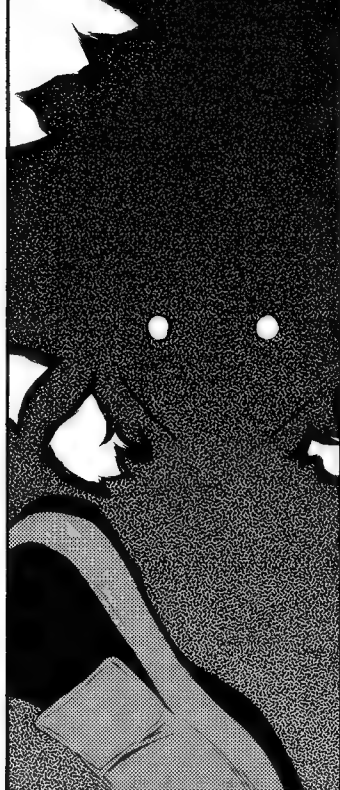
LET'S
CLEAN
UP AND
...

RIGHTY-
O!

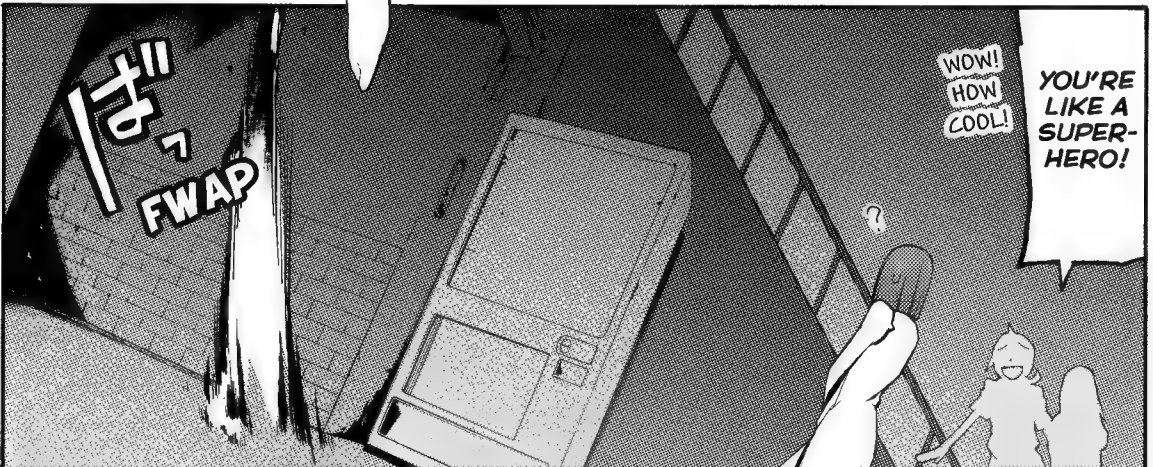
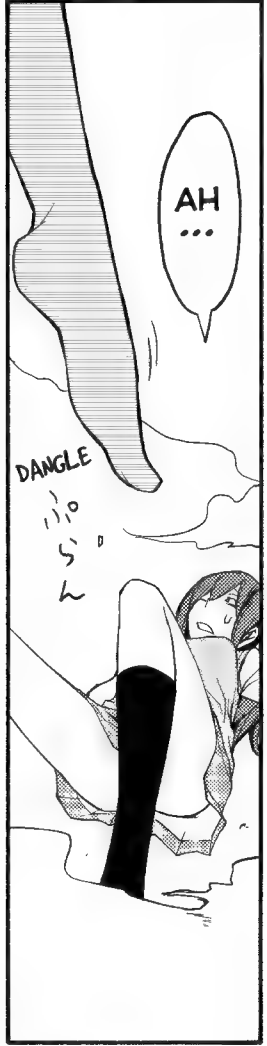


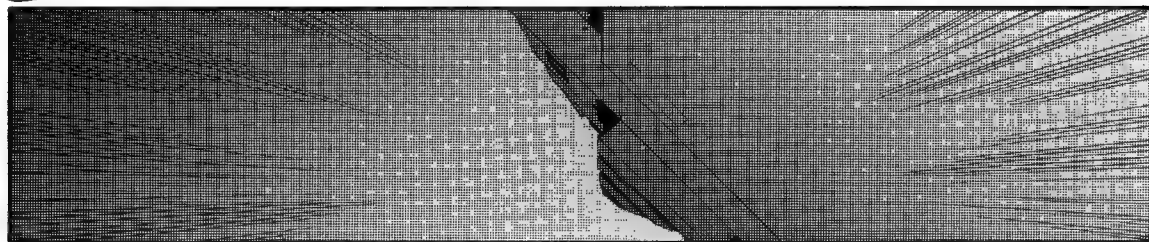


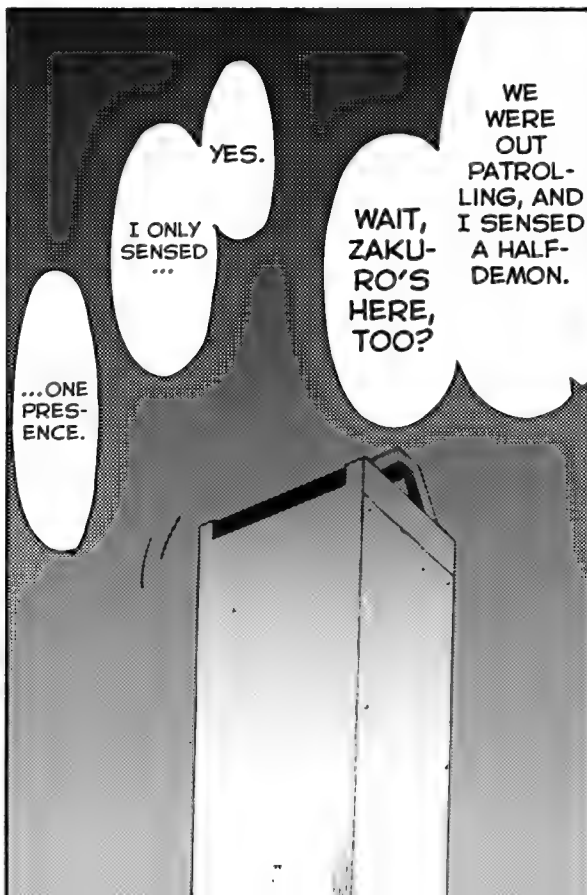
*Net used for catching bugs or fish.











I ONLY
SENSED
...

...ONE
PRES-
ENCE.

WAIT,
ZAKU-
RO'S
HERE,
TOO?

WE
WERE
OUT
PATROL-
LING, AND
I SENSED
A HALF-
DEMON.



NICE
TIM-
ING,
KO-
TOHA!



WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO ON ALERT.

I'LL CALL AKINA-SAN.

ARE YOU HURT? LET'S GET YOU TO JURI'S.

it's clack clack



I WAS SO SCARED!

SLUMP
te

YOU ALL RIGHT, MIDORIKO?



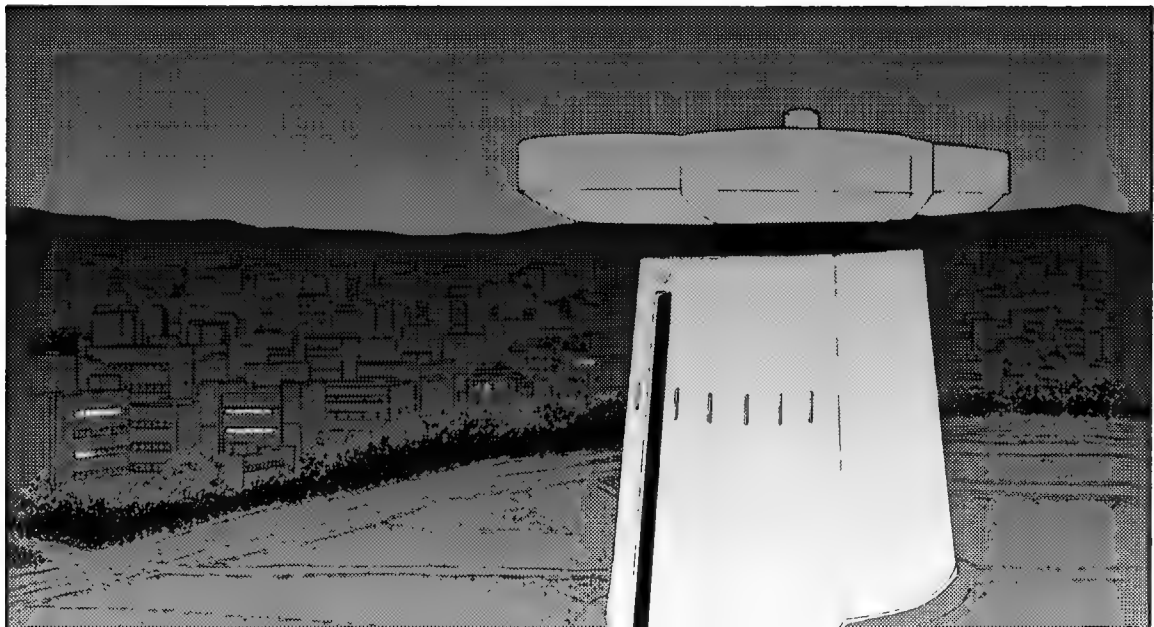
EARLI-ER?

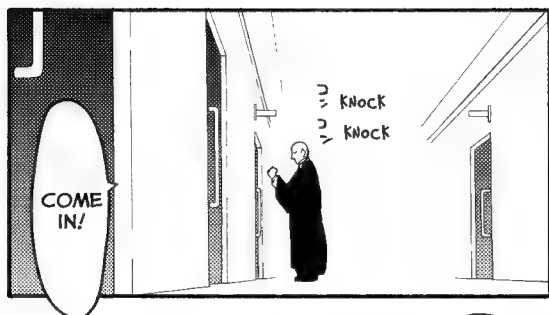
MAN, WE GOT SCOLDED EARLIER, TOO.

SOR-RY!

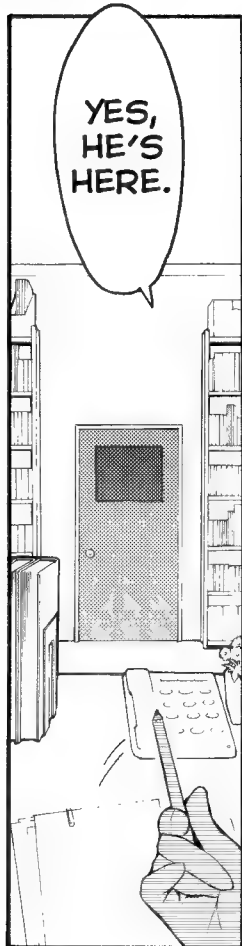
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T GO HOME EARLY!

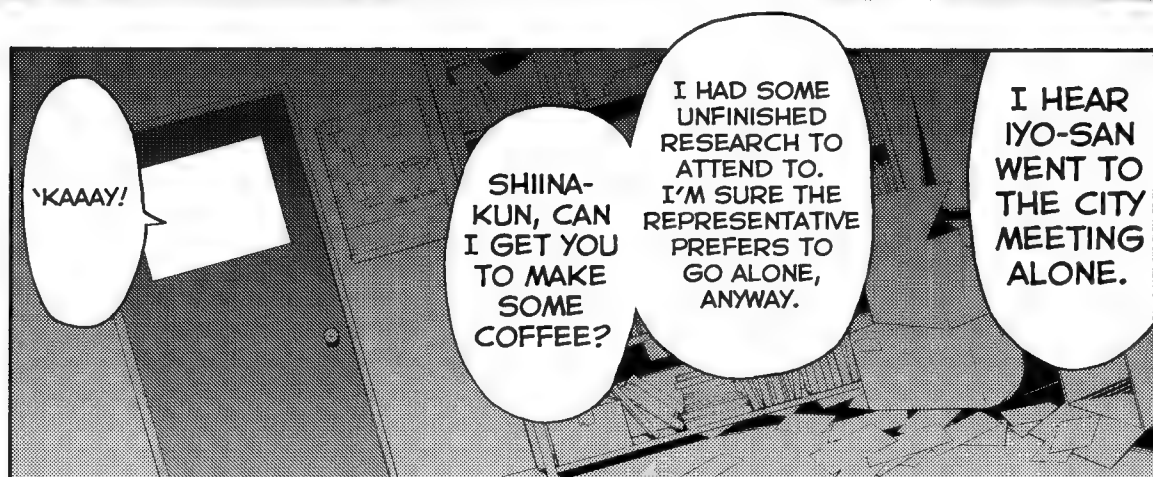
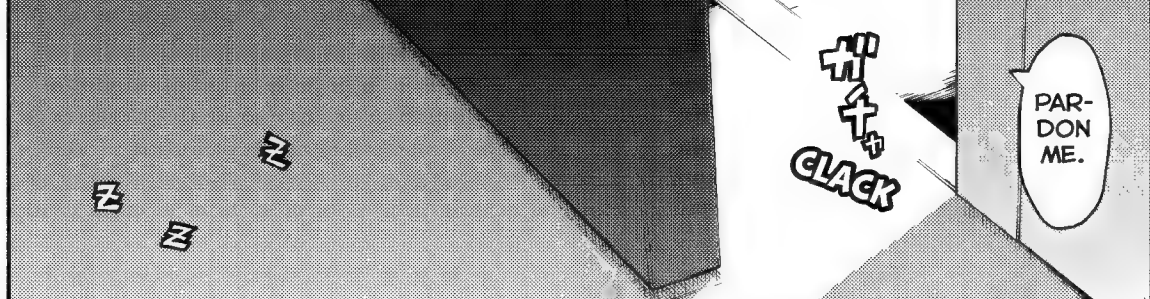
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING OUT SO LATE, ANYHOW?





Sign: First Onmyodo Research Room.





UNDER-
STAND-
ABLE.

...NOT
STAND
IN THE
SPOT-
LIGHT.



I PREFER
TO STICK
TO MY
RESEARCH
...

I'M NOT
SUITED
FOR THAT
KINDA
STUFF.

TRUE
ENOUGH.

THIS IS
YOUR
GREATEST
TALENT.

AS FAR
AS THE
SENATE
IS CON-
CERNED,

IT
WOULDN'T
BE AN
UNDER-
STATEMENT
TO SAY
THAT,

"IT IS
VITAL TO
ACKNOWL-
EDGE ONE'S
WEAKNESS-
ES...

I'M A
GROWN MAN.
I KNOW
WHERE MY
SKILLS LIE.

YOU
DON'T
DENY
IT?



BUT, IN
A WAY,
THE SAME
COULD BE
SAID FOR
YOU, UZU.

I
MIGHT BE
COOPED UP
IN MY LAB
DOING RE-
SEARCH,

GOOD
QUES-
TION.

WHOSE
WERE
THOSE?

BOR-
ROWING
WORDS
AGAIN?

IN
ORDER
TO DO
WHAT
NEEDS
TO BE
DONE.

"...BUT
JUST AS
VITAL TO
ASSESS
ONE'S
STRENGTHS."



...I
CHOSE
...

TO SHUT
MYSELF
UP IN THIS
WORLD.

I AM A
MEMBER
OF THE
HOLLOW
GENERATION...

WHILE IN-
JUST LIKE DEED.
HIME, THE
CURRENT
MAYOR'S
PARENTS,



THAT'S
ALL
THERE
IS TO
IT.

...WHILE
WE
STAYED.

THEY
LEFT
...

IN
ORDER
TO DO
WHAT
MUST
BE
DONE,



I'M NOT
CRITICIZ-
ING YOU
OR ANY-
THING.
THE
SAME
GOES
FOR
ME.

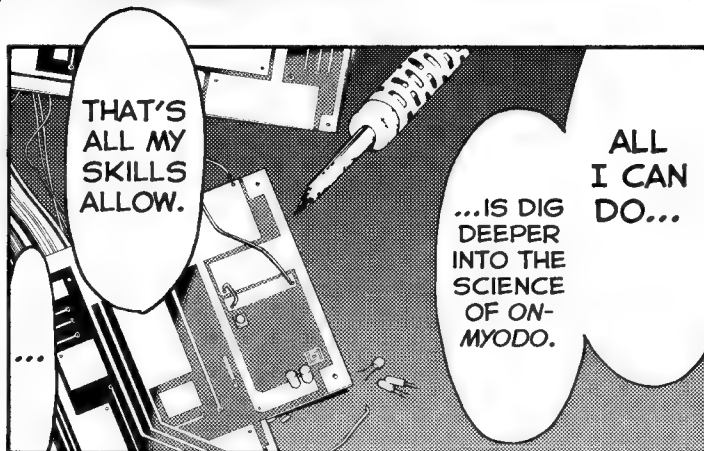
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



IT
SEEMS
LIKE
MAGIC
TO ME.

I CAN'T
FATHOM
HOW IT
WORKS.

REA-
LLY?



THAT'S
ALL MY
SKILLS
ALLOW.

...IS DIG
DEEPER
INTO THE
SCIENCE
OF ON-
MYODO.

ALL
I CAN
DO...



BWOOM

FOR
EXAM-
PLE...

THE WORKINGS BEHIND THIS PROCESS ARE INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED.

THOUGH THAT'S ALL IT TAKES,

THE COMPUTER BOOTS UP.

...BY TURNING ON THE POWER,



RIGHT, RIGHT!
"...IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM MAGIC!"

THAT QUOTE IS FAMOUS.

"ANY SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY..."

I THINK IT'S STRANGE THAT PEOPLE FIND MAGIC MYSTERIOUS, BUT NOT SCIENCE.



...AND JUST TAKE IT FOR WHAT IT IS.

BUT MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN NOTICE THE SYSTEM AT HAND...

QUIT PUTTING ON AIRS.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

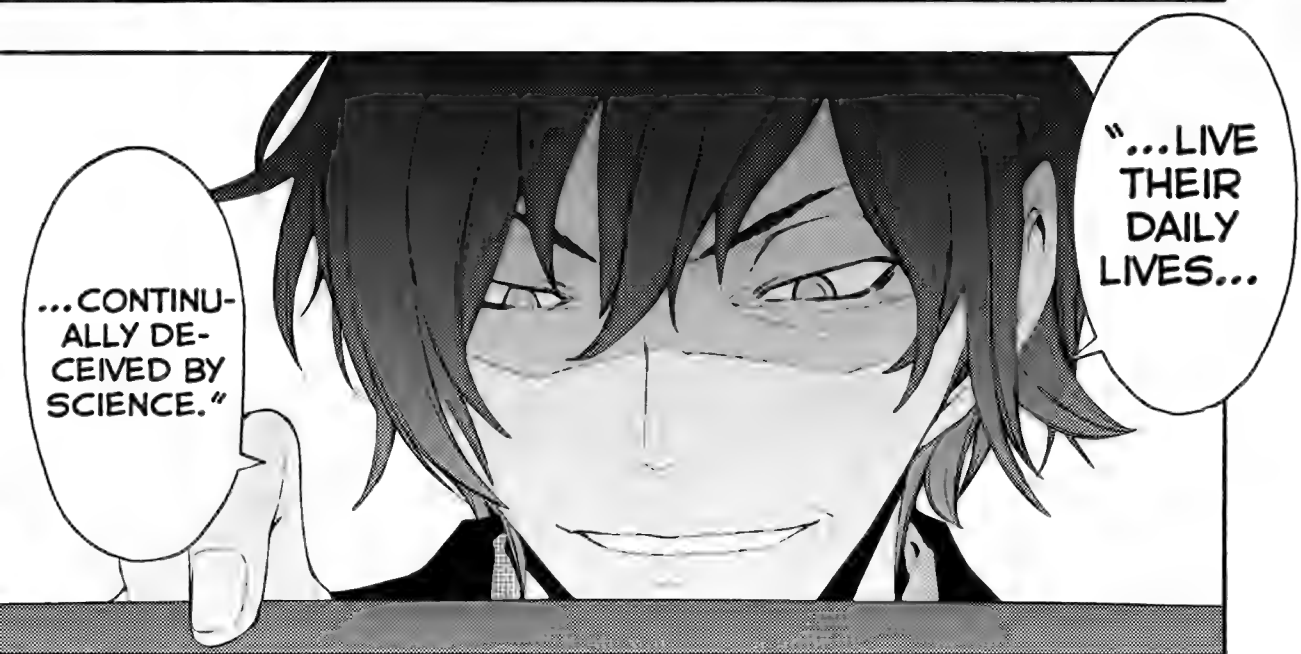
THERE IS A VERY LARGE, VERY DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAGIC AND SCIENCE.

HOWEVER,

SO, TOO, ARE THERE TRICKS TO SCIENCE

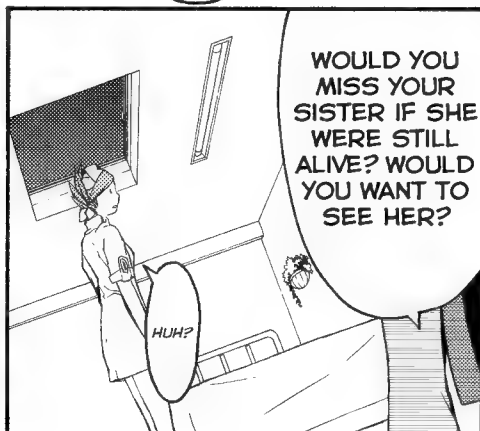
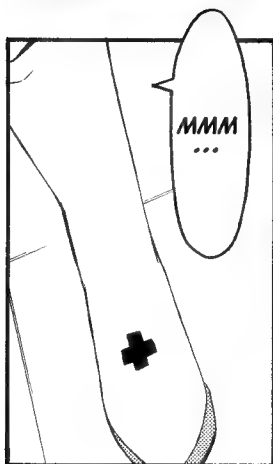
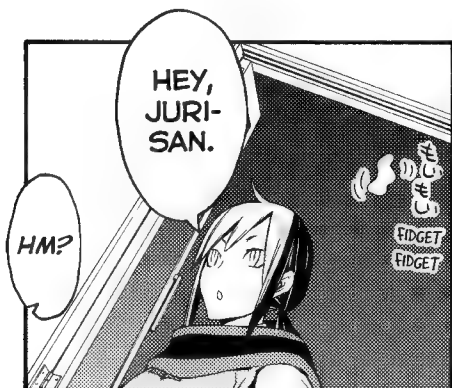
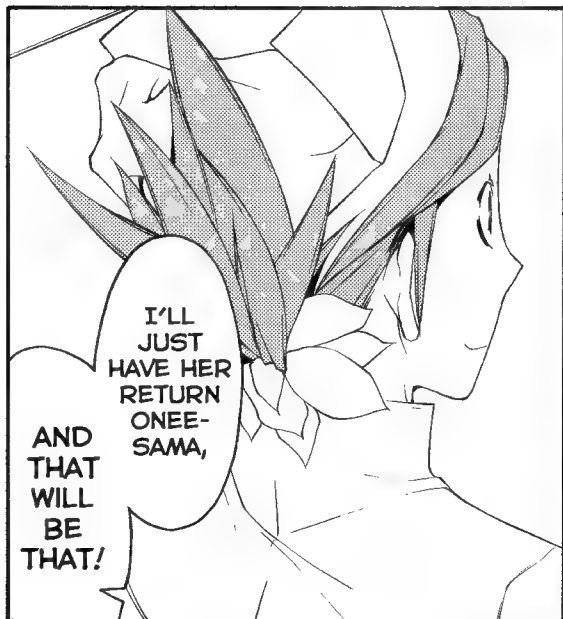
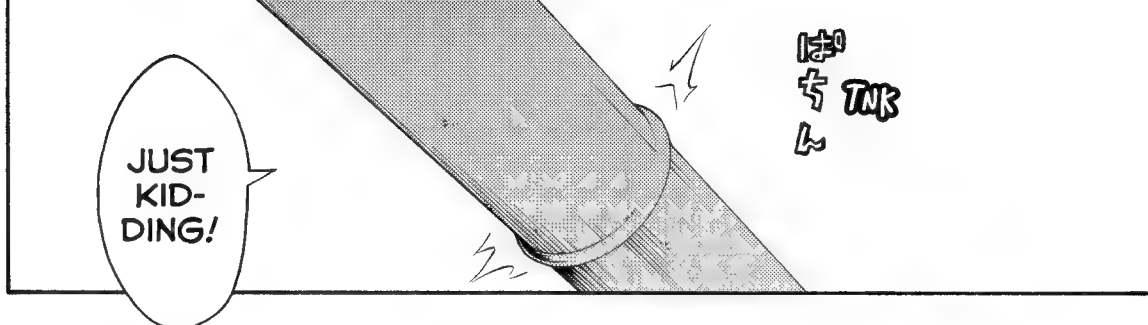
JUST AS THERE ARE TRICKS TO MAGIC,

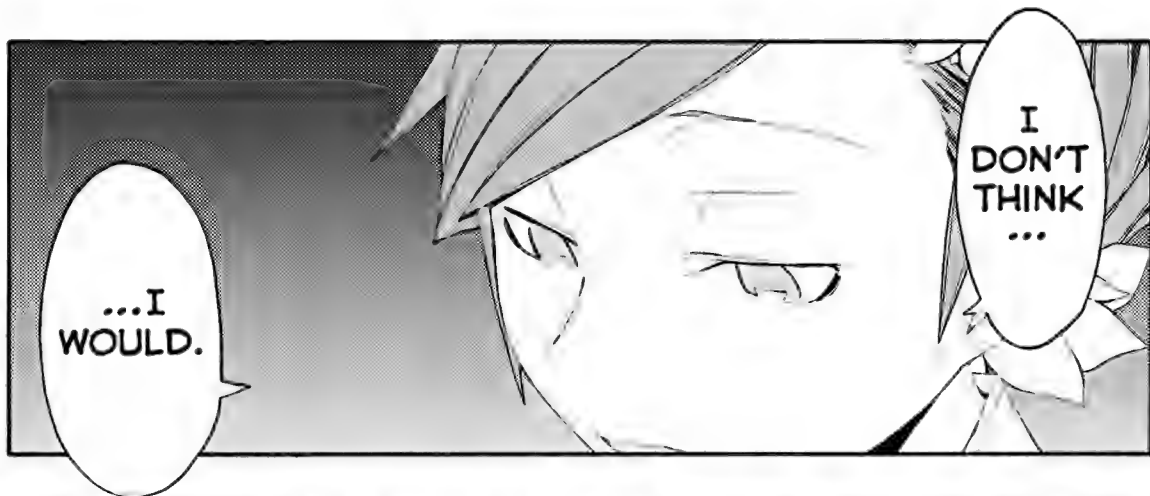
IT'S SIMPLE.

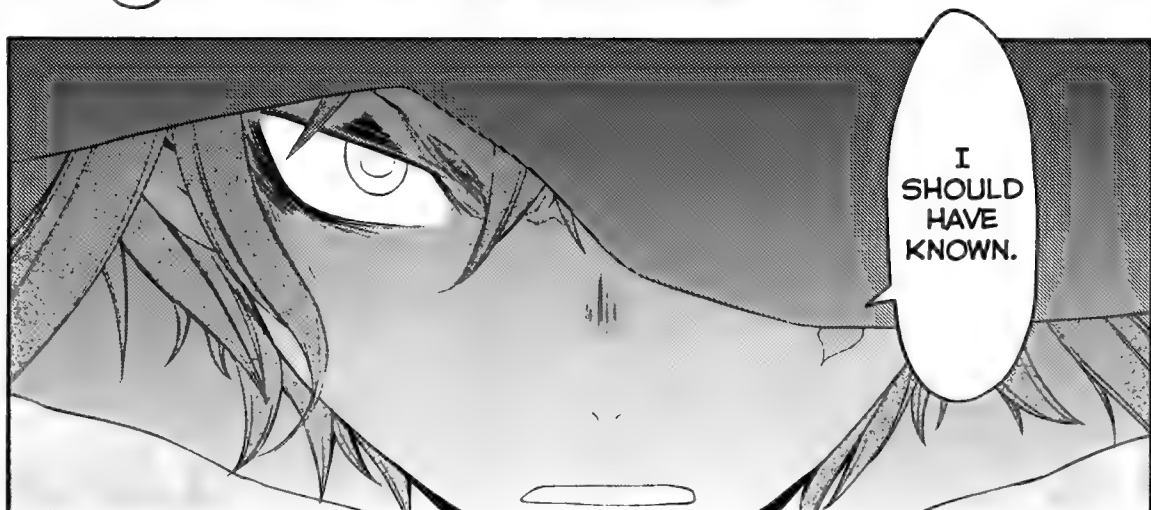
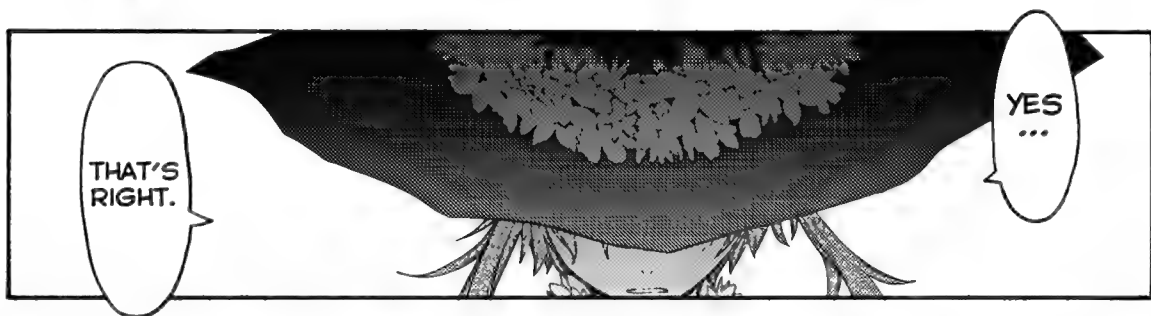
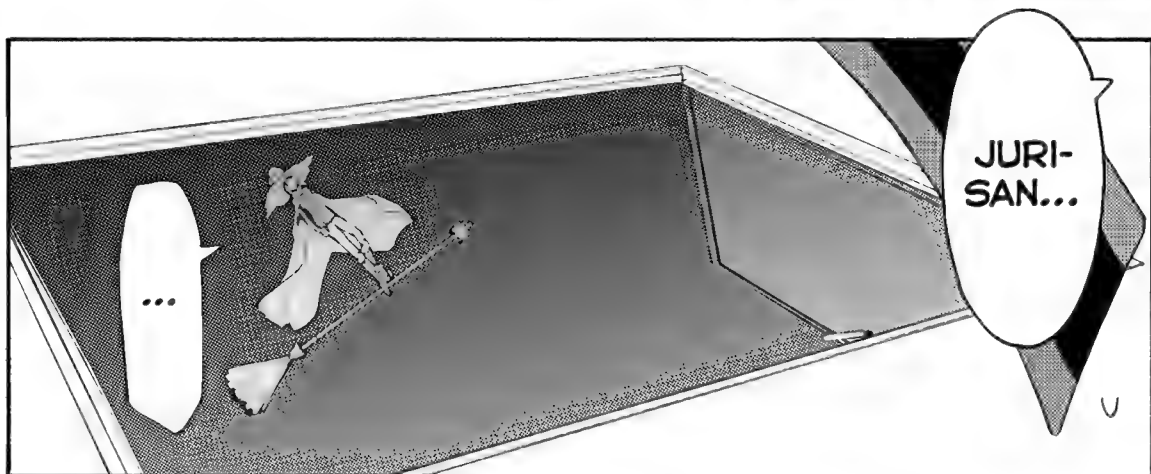




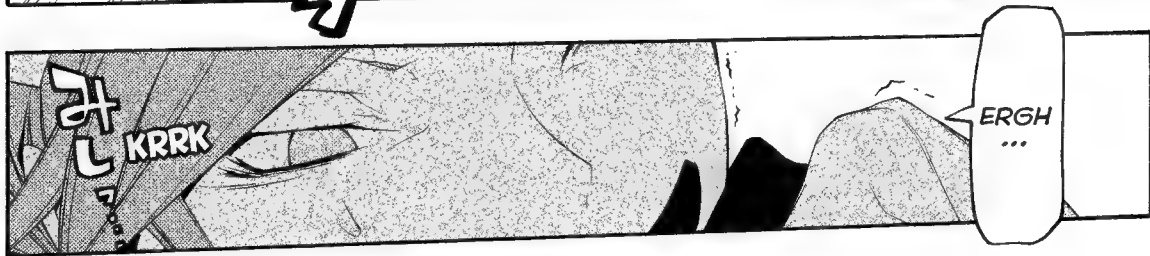


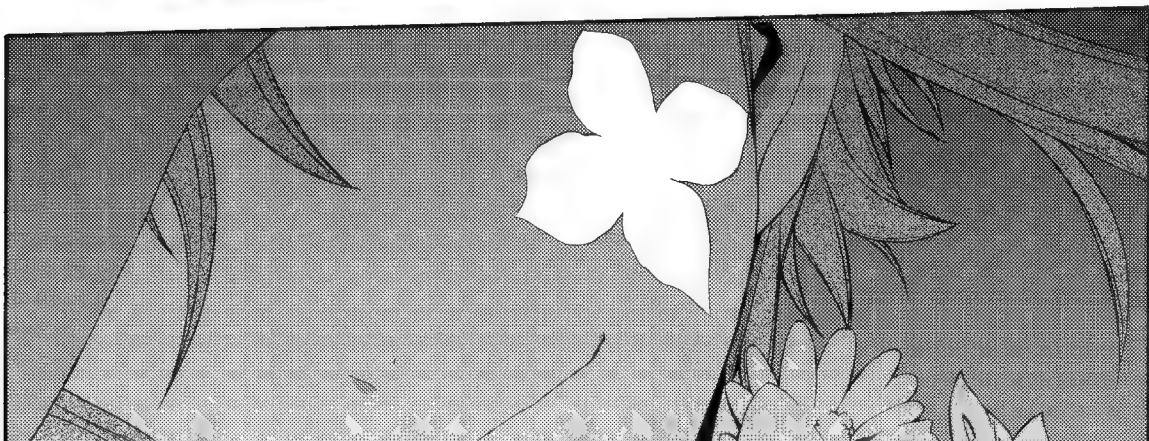
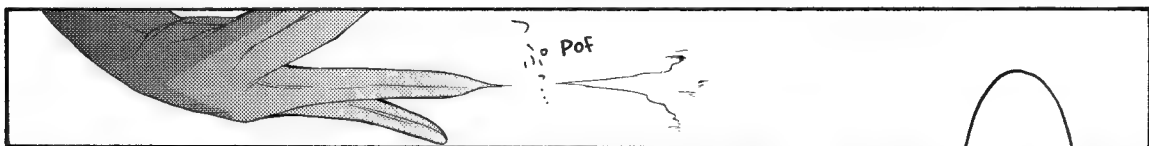
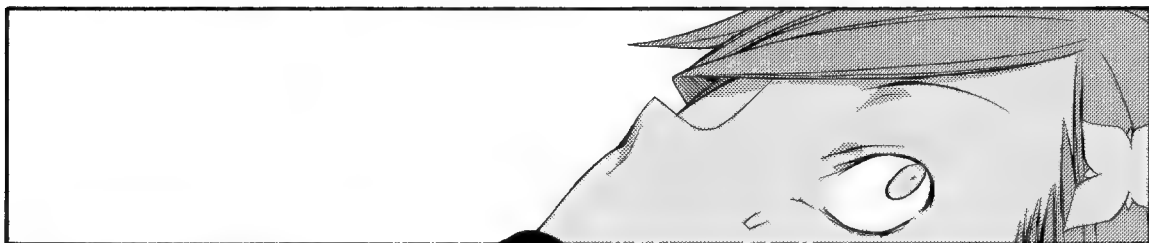
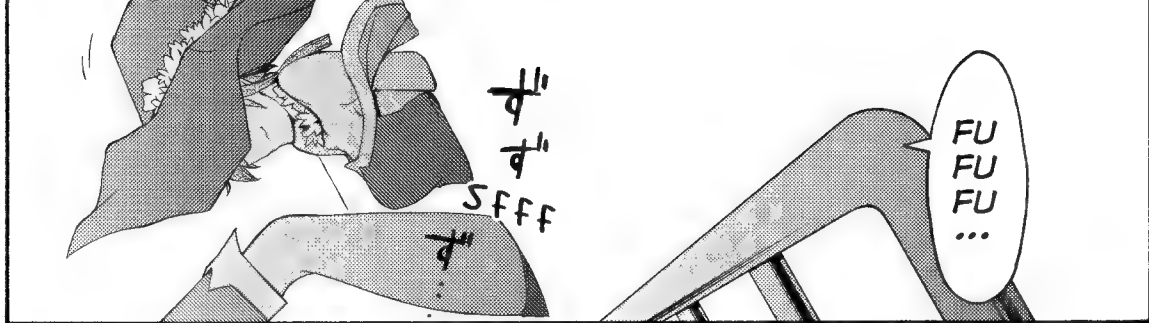




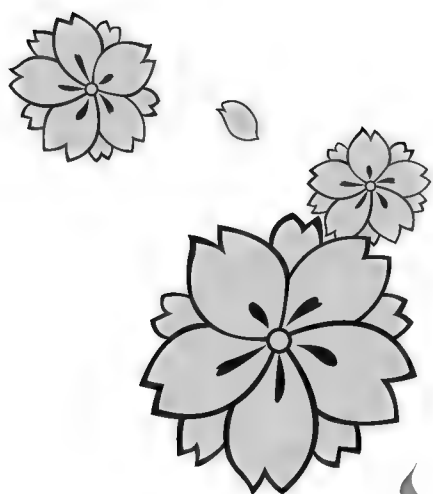




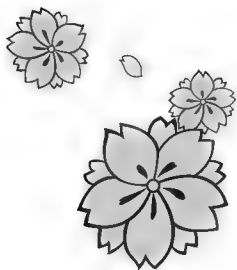








YOZAKURA
QUARTET 9



YOZAKURA
QUARTET 9

BUT
THE SUPER-
NATURAL
FEELING IT
GAVE ME AS I
WATCHED...

THINKING
BACK, IT WAS
A RUDIMENT-
ARY SLEIGHT
OF HAND,

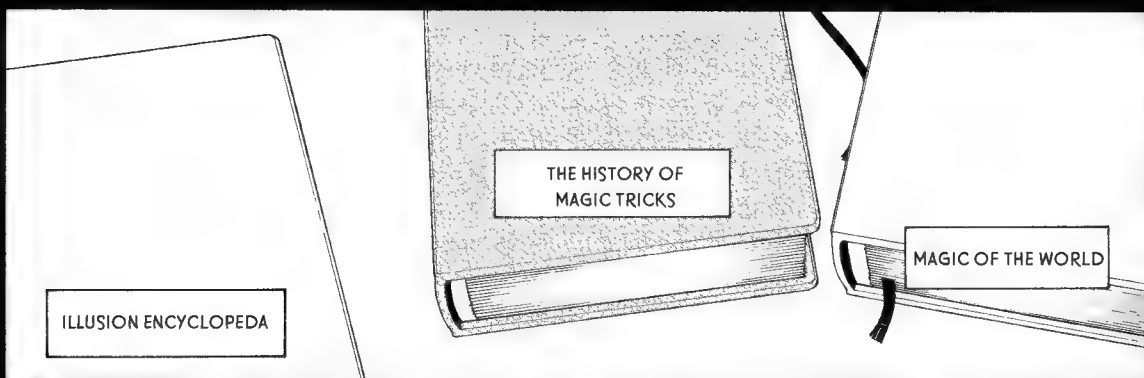


MY FATHER
SHOWED
ME AND MY
SISTER A
MAGIC TRICK.

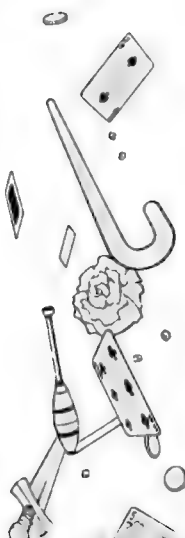
ONE DAY
WHEN I
WAS
YOUNG,



...COM-
PLETELY
GRABBED
ME BY
THE HEART.

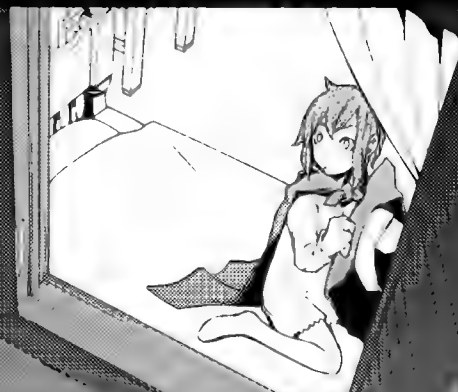


IT WAS
MY DAILY
ROUTINE.



FROM
THE TIME
I WOKE
UP...
...UNTIL I
SLEPT, I
PRACTICED
MAGIC
TRICKS.

...I'D
PRAY THAT
I WOULD I
GET BETTER
AT ILLUSIONS.



BEFORE
I WENT
TO BED...

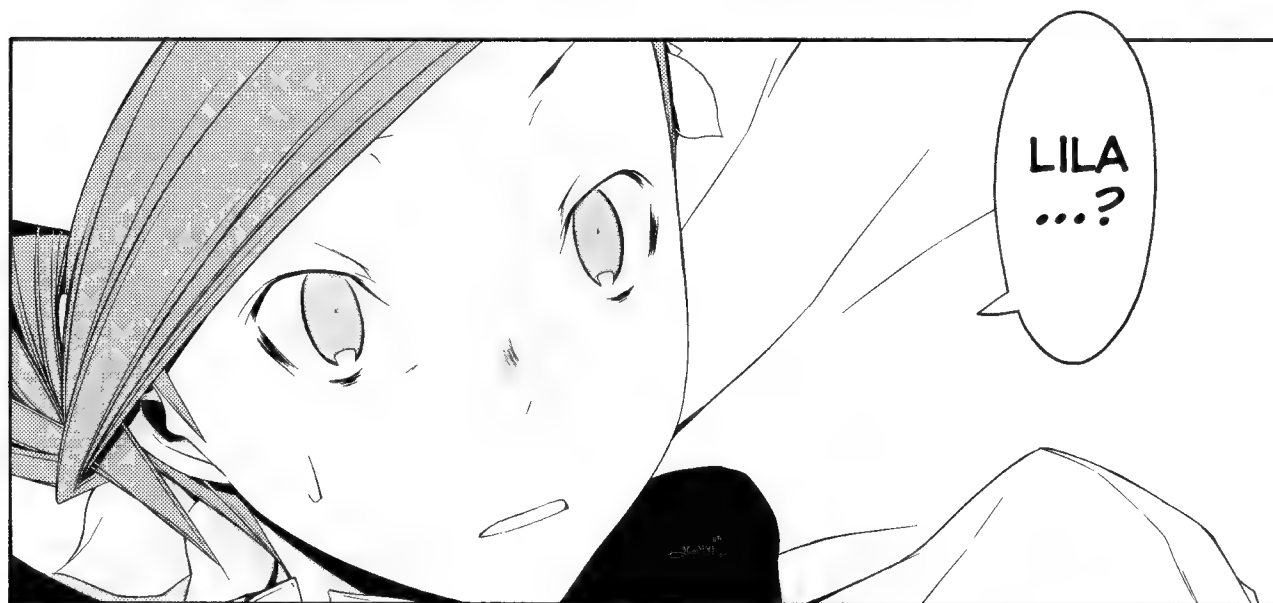
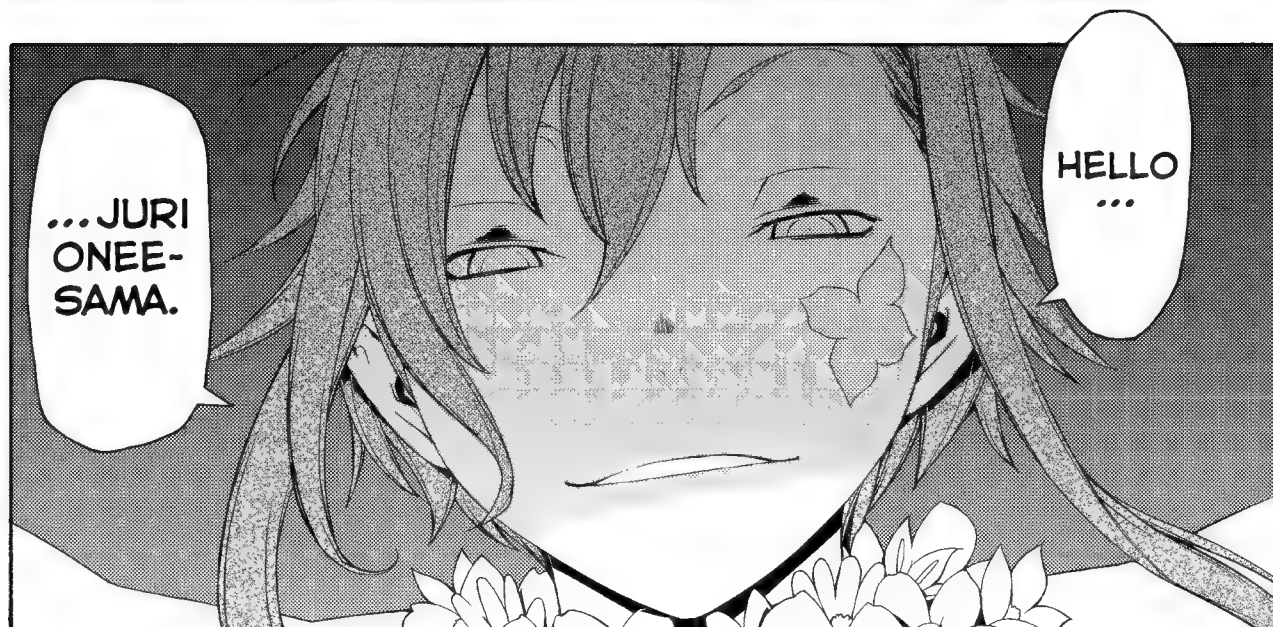
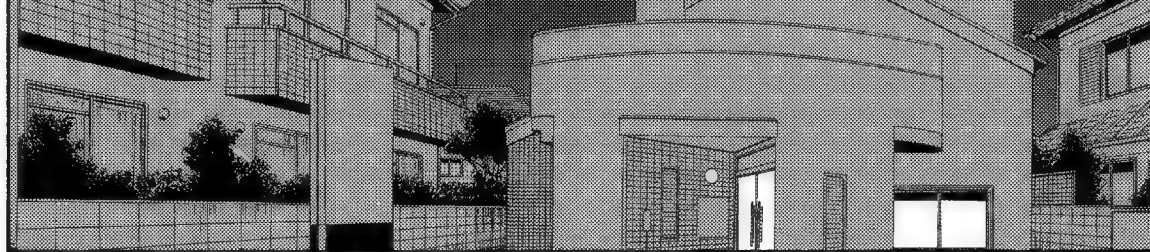
I JUST
PRAYED
AND
PRAYED.

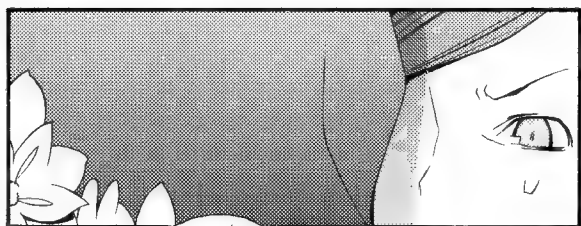
I'D BE
ABLE TO DO
SOMETHING AS
AMAZING AS
REAL MAGIC.

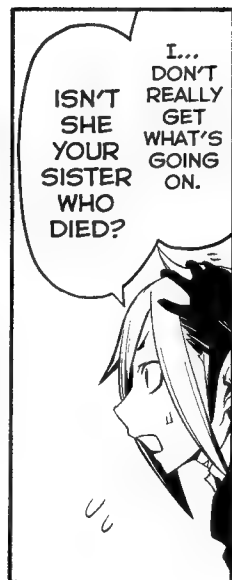
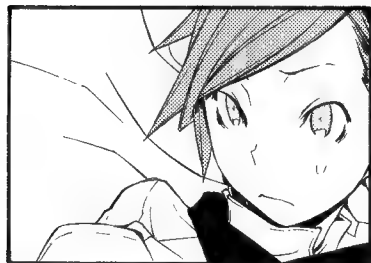
THAT
SOME-
DAY...

*THAT DAY,
I WANTED
TO BECOME
A WITCH.*











OH, ONEE-SAMA ...



WAH!

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TELL HER YOU'RE HAPPY AND THAT YOU MISSED HER...
WHAT'S WRONG, JURISAN?



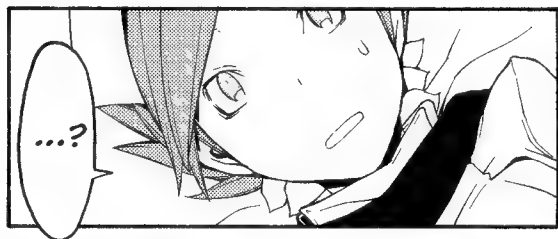
...I'LL
DO A
SPECIAL
MAGIC
SHOW JUST
FOR YOU,
ONEE-
SAMA.

TO LIGHT-
EN THE
MOOD
...

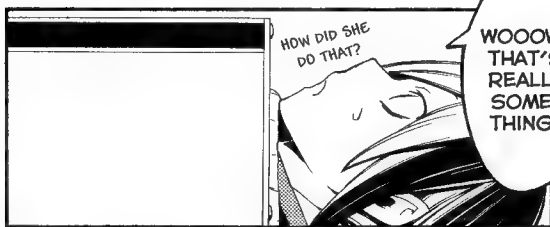
I
KNOW!

YOU MUST
BE TENSE
SINCE WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN EACH
OTHER IN
FOREVER.

///
+
\\
SNAP



...?



HOW DID SHE
DO THAT?

WOOOW.
THAT'S
REALLY
SOME-
THING.



WAIT,
LILA!

DON'T
TELL
ME...

THAT'S
MY DEAR
SISTER.
YOU
ALWAYS
WERE
SMART.



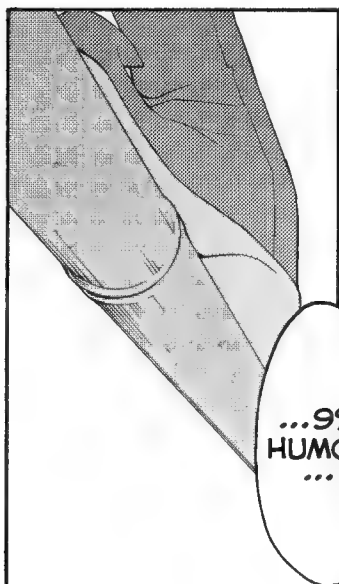
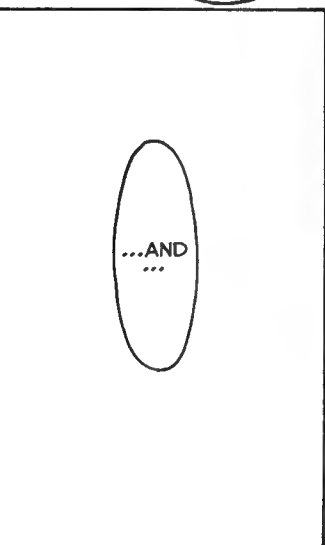
...!

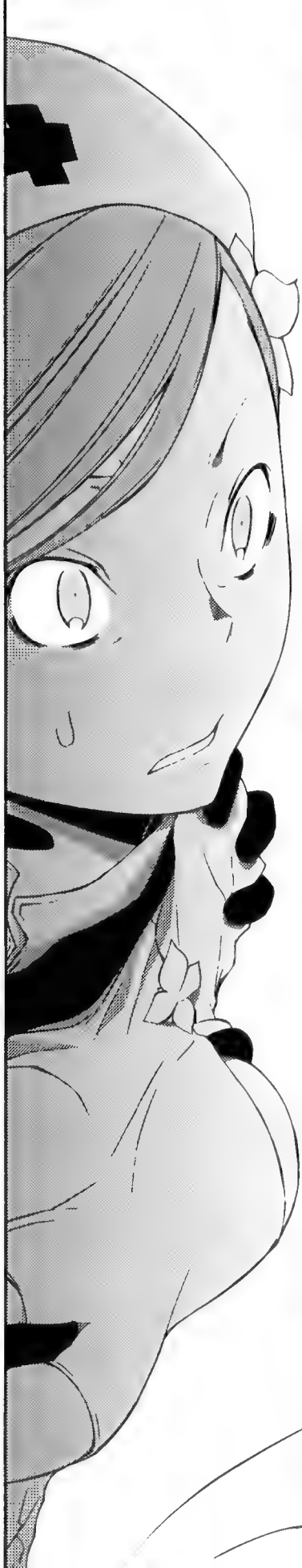


WOOOW!



は、
GLANCE







SHOULDN'T WE JUST BROADCAST FROM THE OFFICE INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE?

THERE IS A BIG POSSIBILITY THAT A DEMON HUNTER HAS ENTERED THE CITY! PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMES...



IT'S FROM AKINA-SAN.

BACK TO THE BASE! I'M STARVING...



WHAT'S UP? WE REPORTED IN A BIT AGO.

DON'T CALL ME AKINA-CHAN!

HEL-LOOO. AKINA-CHAN?



HEY, KOTOHA-CHAN.

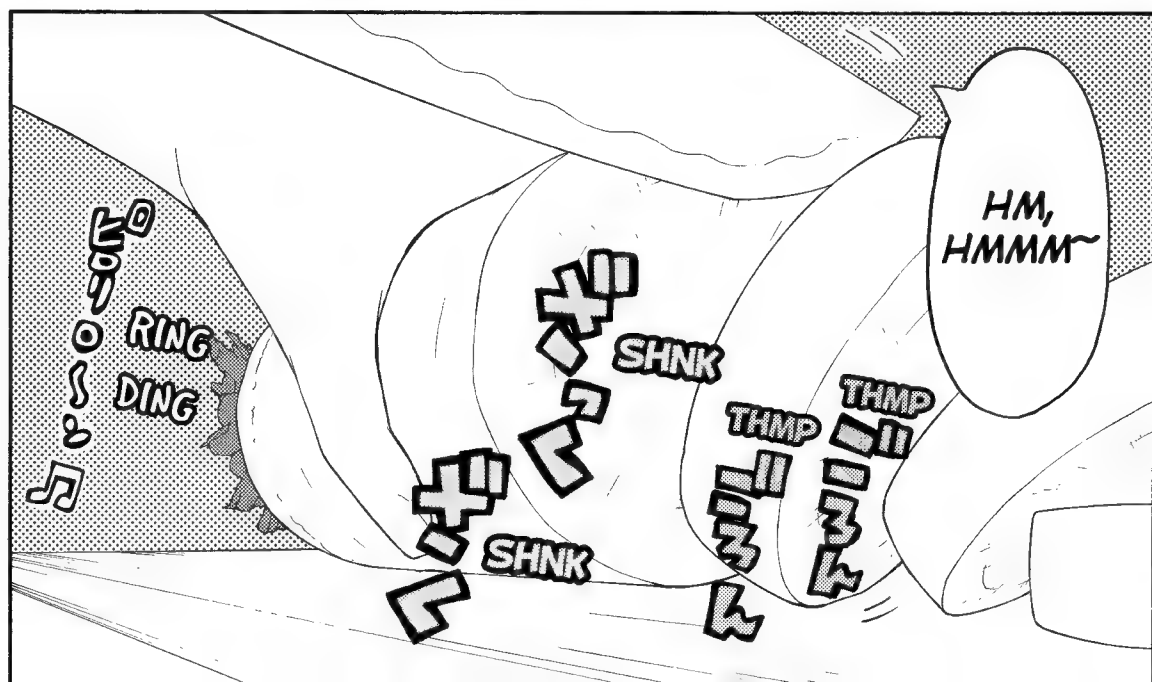


HUH?

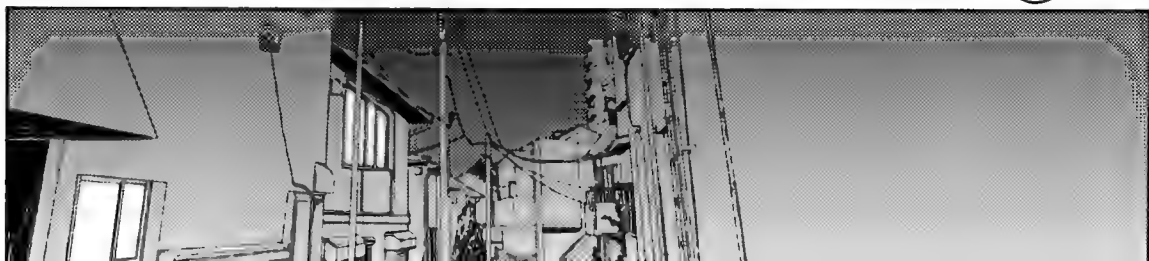
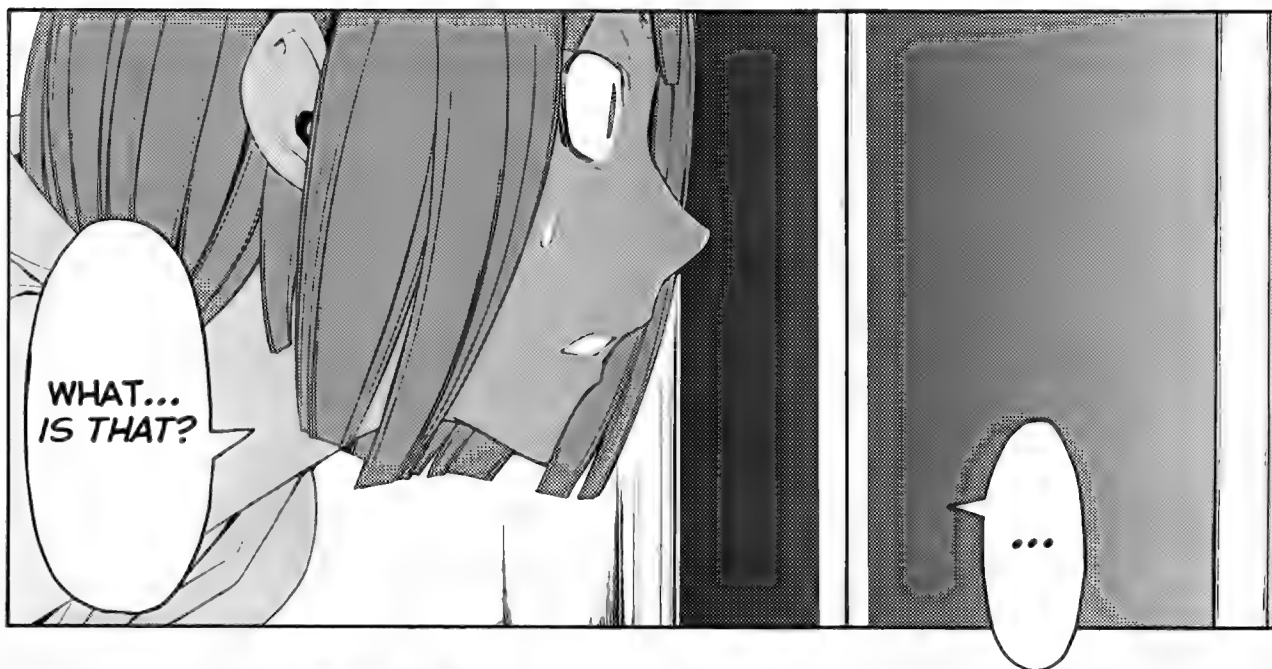
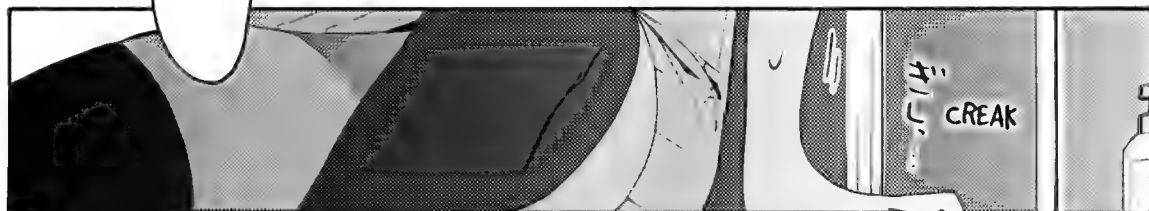
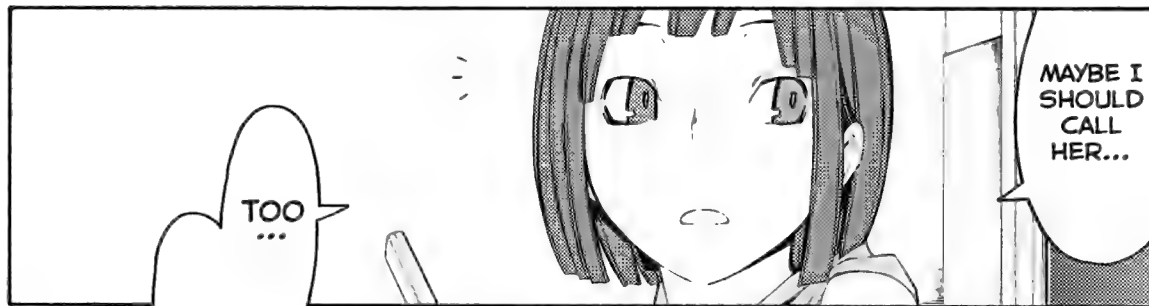
YOU CAN'T REACH JURI-SAN OR HIME?

ZAKURO TOOK MIDORIKO TO JURI-SAN'S PLACE.

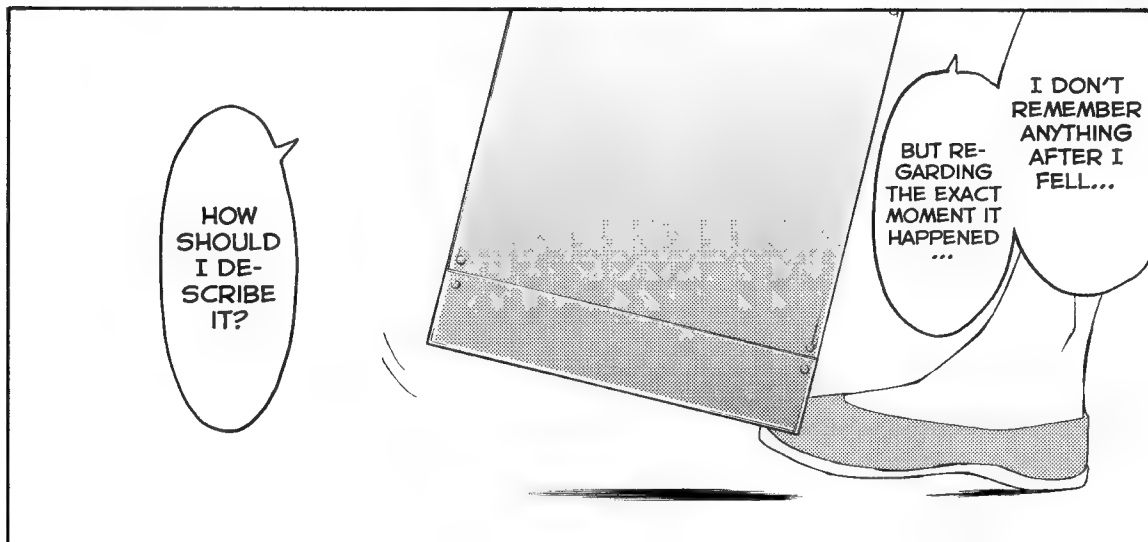
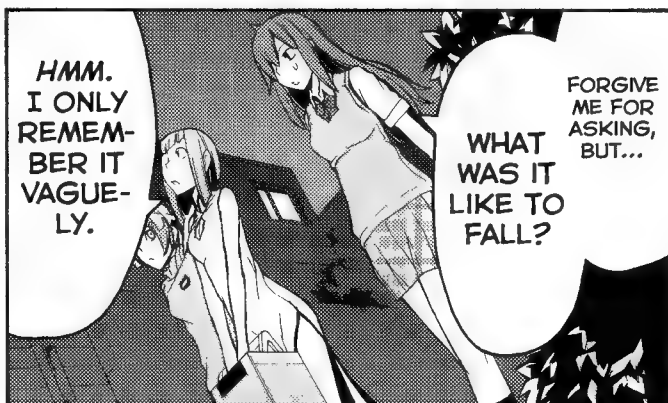
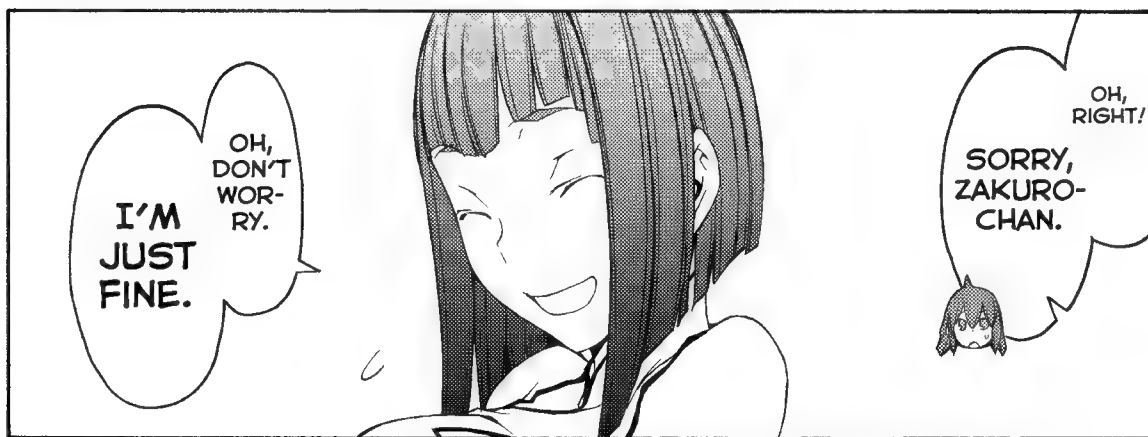
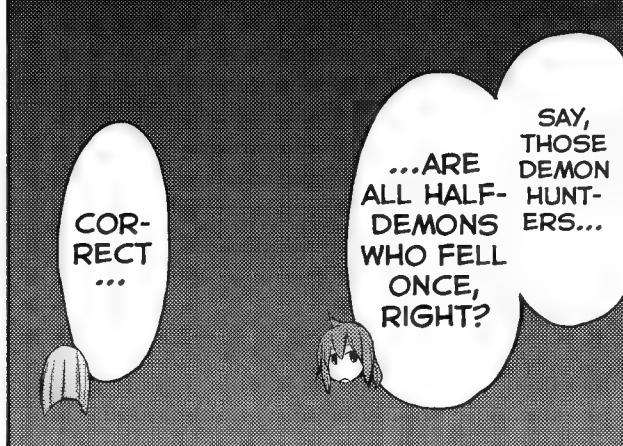
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.











THAT'S
WHEN
IT HAP-
PENED.

AND
WHEN I
MADE
A WISH
ALONG
THOSE
LINES
...



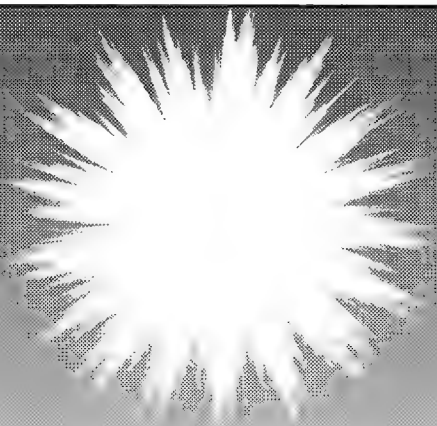
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
I WANTED TO
BE WITH RIN
FOREVER.

...BUT
THAT SORT
OF SENSATION
FELL
FROM THE
SKY WITH A
BANG.

...OR
SOME BALL
OF SPITE
FROM HAVING
HEARD IT...

I DON'T
KNOW IF
IT WAS IN
RESPONSE
TO MY WISH
...

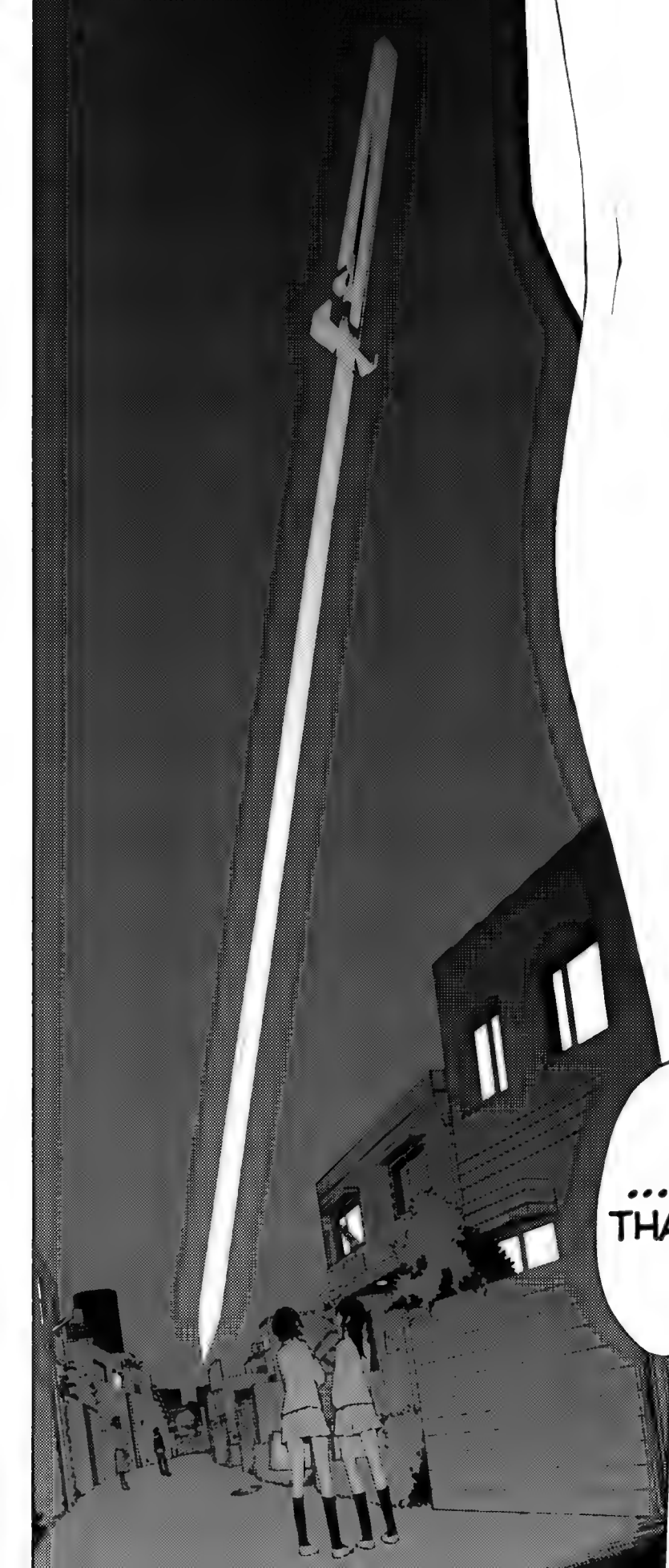
I'D SAY
IT WAS
LIKE A
SHOOT-
ING
STAR.

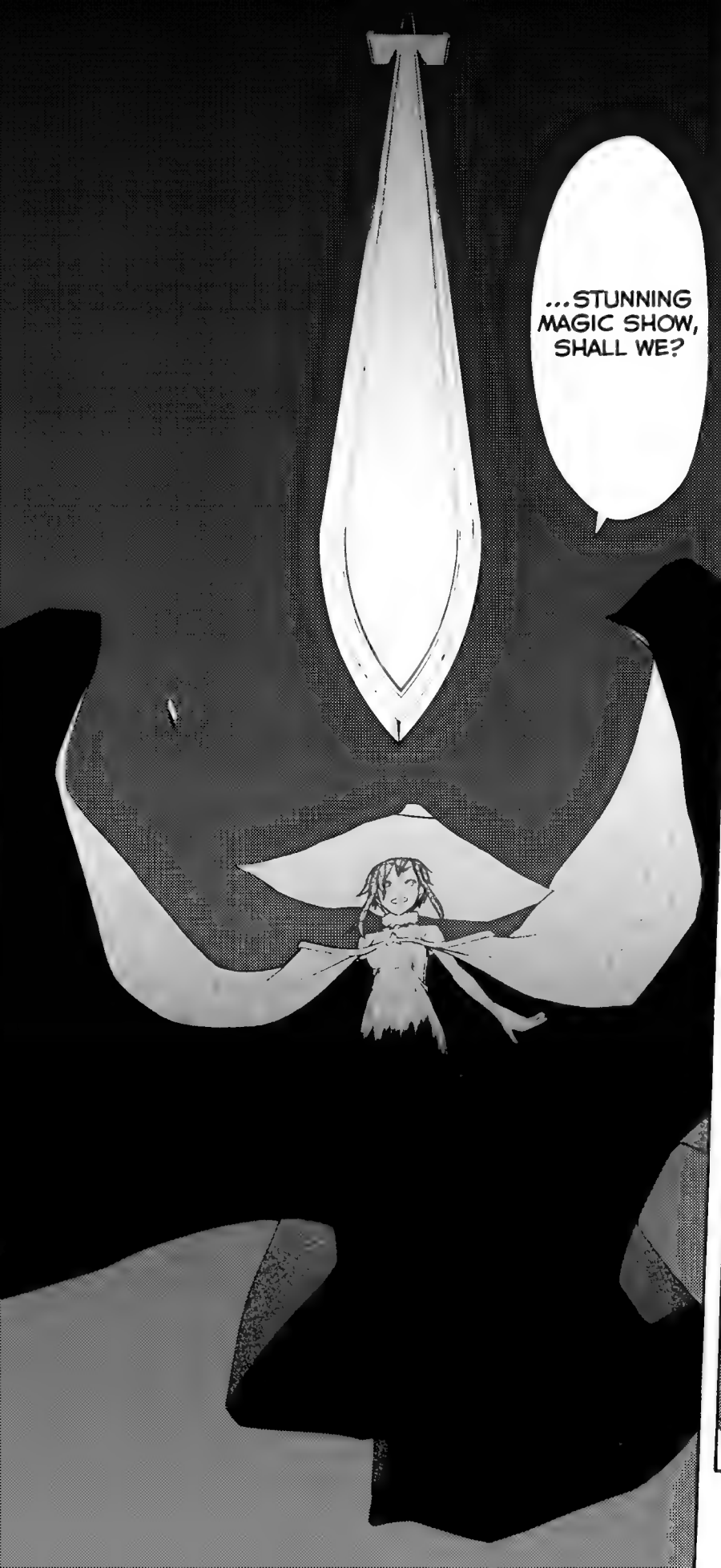


IF
I HAD
TO DE-
SCRIBE
IT...

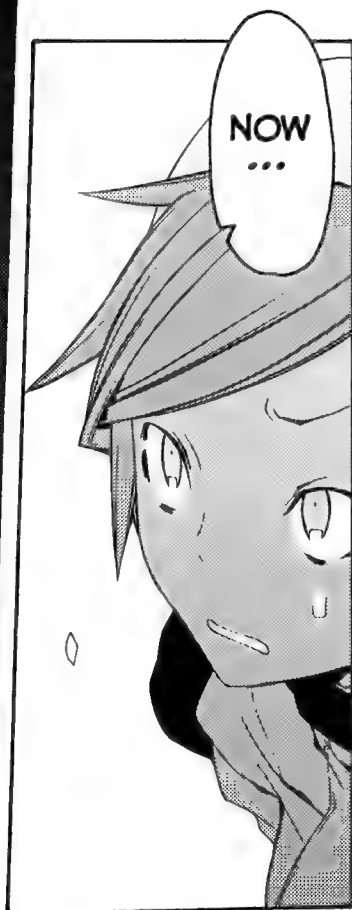


HMM.





...STUNNING
MAGIC SHOW,
SHALL WE?



NOW
...



LET'S
BEGIN
VICTOR
LILA
FRANKEN-
STEIN'S
...



OR
ARE THE
NERVES
GONE
ALREADY?

THAT'S
WHY YOU
CAN'T SAY
YOU'RE
HAPPY TO
SEE ME,
RIGHT?



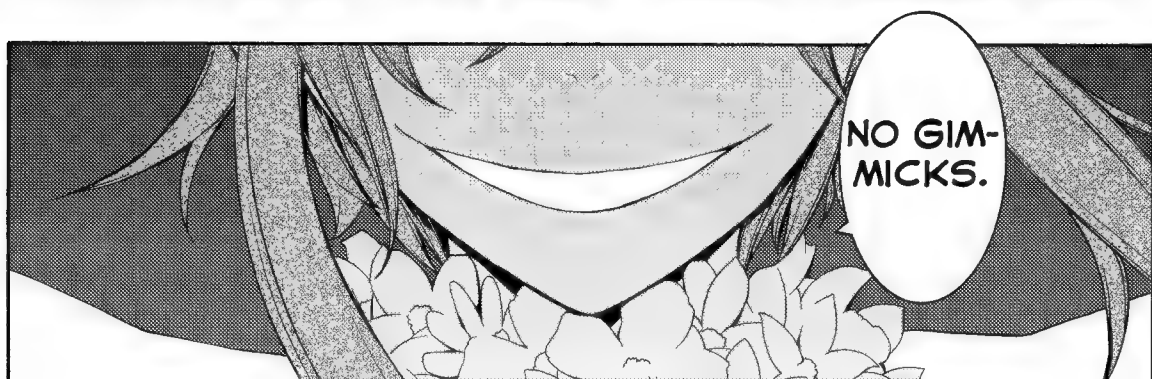
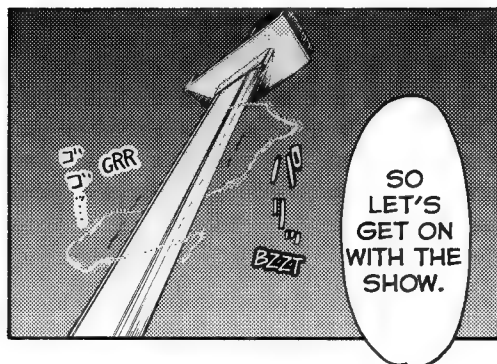
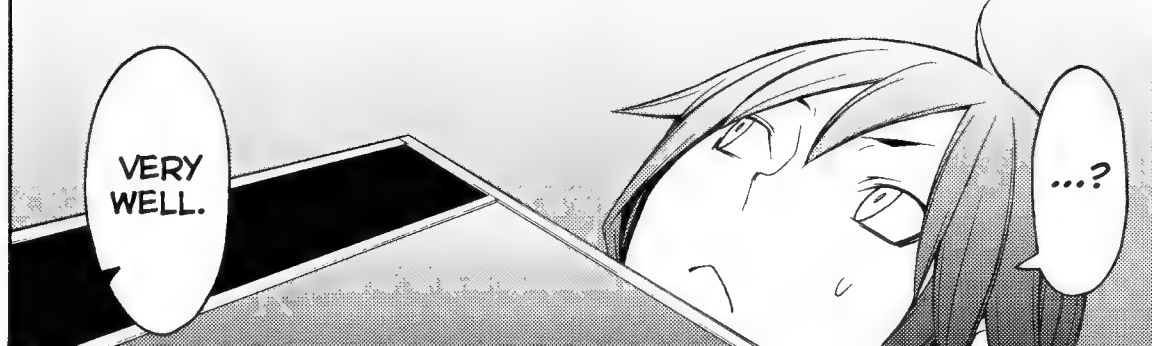
C'MON,
ONEE-
SAMA.

IT'S JUST
A FUN
SHOW TO
HELP YOU
RELAX.

STOP!

PLEASE,
JUST
STOP
THIS,
LILA!



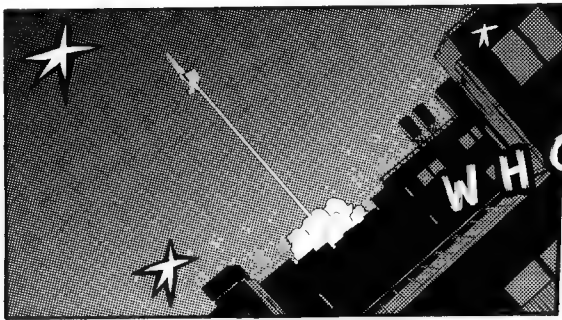


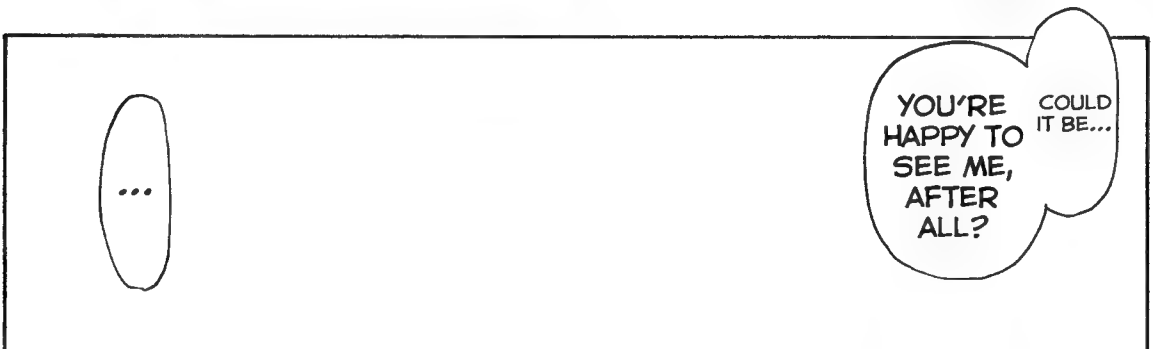
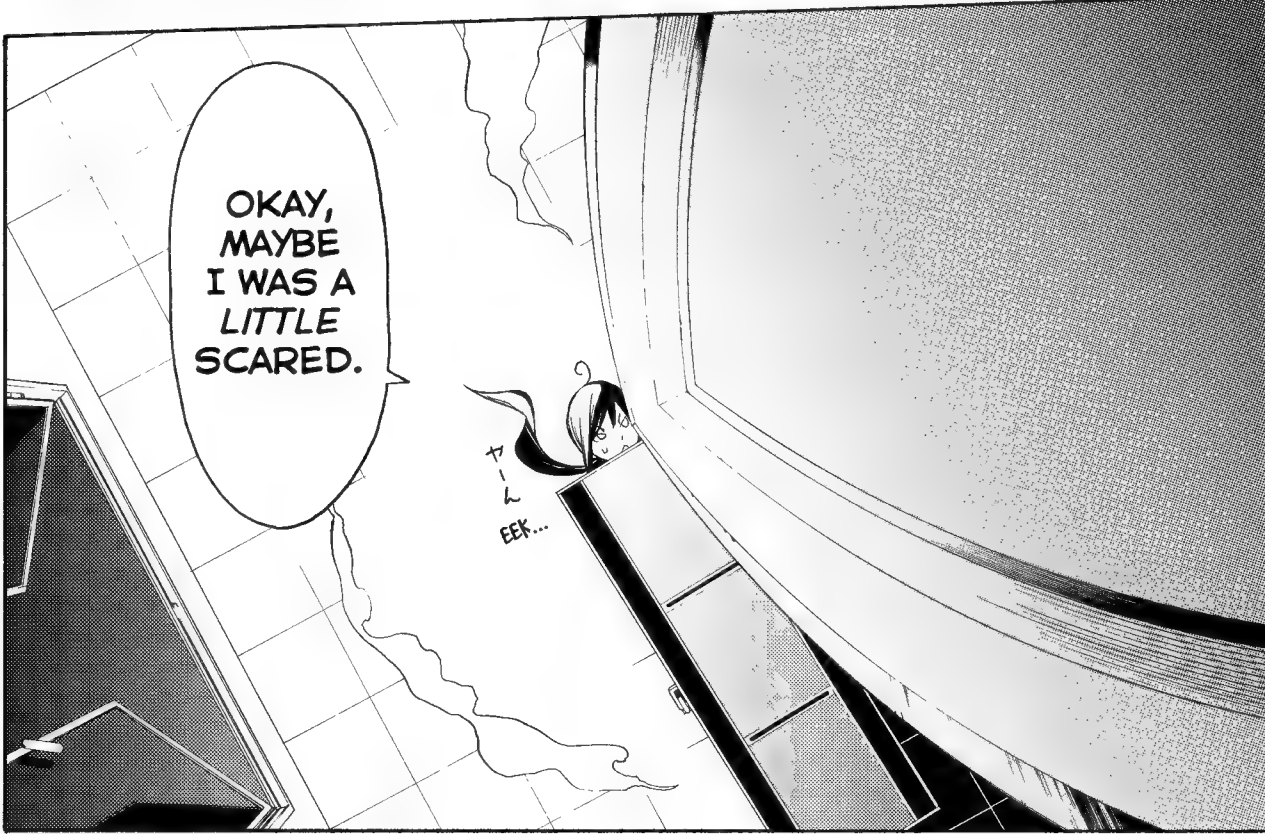
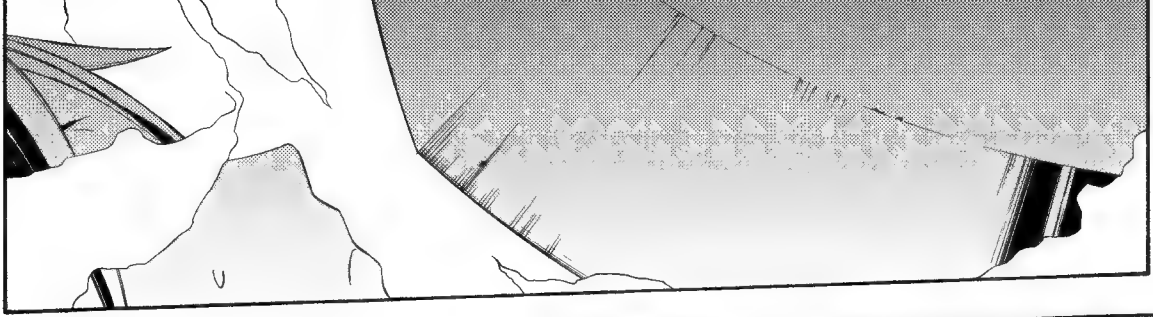


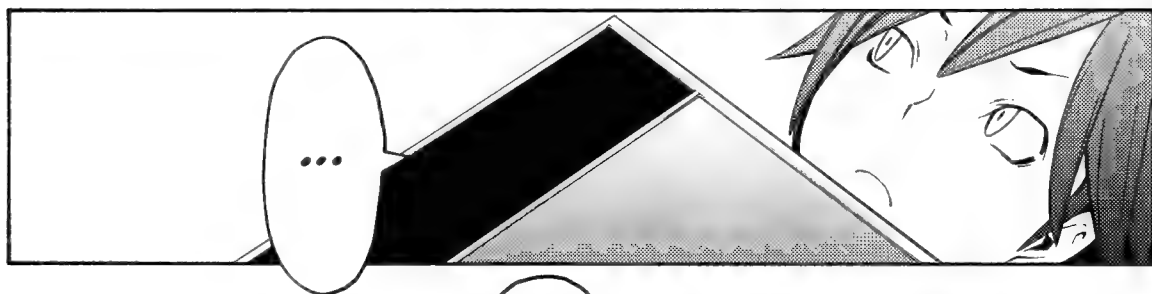
NO!

**THAT'S
NOT IT!**

WHOOSH





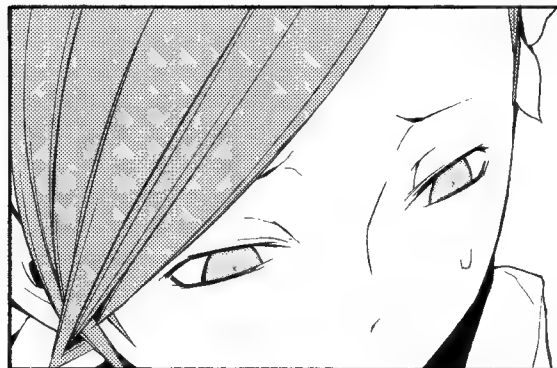


NEVER
ONCE
DID YOU
REALLY
LOOK AT
ME.

...AND
MORE
STUDY-
ING.

...WAS
STUDY-
ING...

BACK
THEN,
THE ONLY
THING
THAT MAT-
TERED TO
YOU...



SHE'S
EXACTLY
AS I
HEARD.

TAK
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YOU
HONOR
ME WITH
YOUR
WORDS.

WHY,
THANK
YOU.

SHE
HAS A
LOT OF
GUTS.

THIS
GIRL
IS LIKE
YOUR
LITTLE
SISTER
NOW, IS
SHE?



FU
FU
...





JUST LIKE ...

...WHAT THAT FOUR-EYED FOX TOLD ME.

!



THIS ISN'T JUST SOME ORDINARY TRICK!

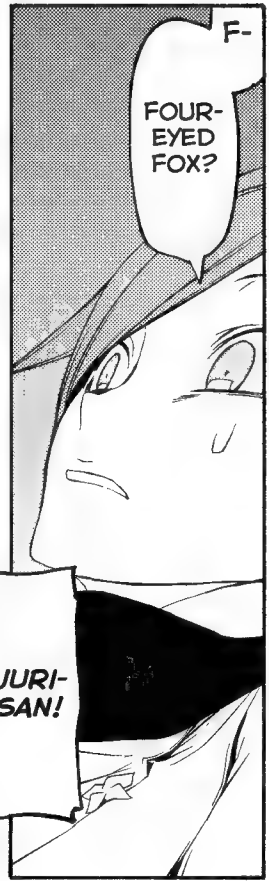
NO HUMAN CAN PULL THIS OFF!

IT GOES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF HUMANITY!



I DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR SISTER, BUT LOOK!

JURI-SAN!



F-
FOUR-EYED FOX?



YOU
KNOW,
DON'T
YOU?!
EVERYONE
WHO'S
WORKING
WITH
ENJIN
IS...



SHE'S
ONE OF
ENJIN'S
LACK-
EYS!



I'M
MERE-
LY...

LACKEY?
HOW
RUDE.



PLEASE
STOP,
LILA...



STOP
...



...!
SWISH

...US-
ING HIM
HOW I
PLEASE.

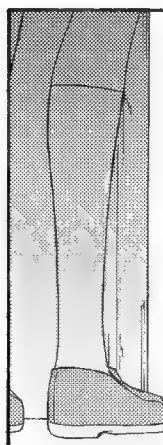


I WANTED
NOTHING
MORE
THAN TO
BECOME A
DOCTOR.

WHEN
WE
WERE
KIDS
...



...IN
HOPES OF
REACHING
MY GOAL
SOMEDAY.



AND
STUD-
IED...

THAT I
STUD-
IED,

I
WAS
SO
DES-
PER-
ATE
...



YOU
...

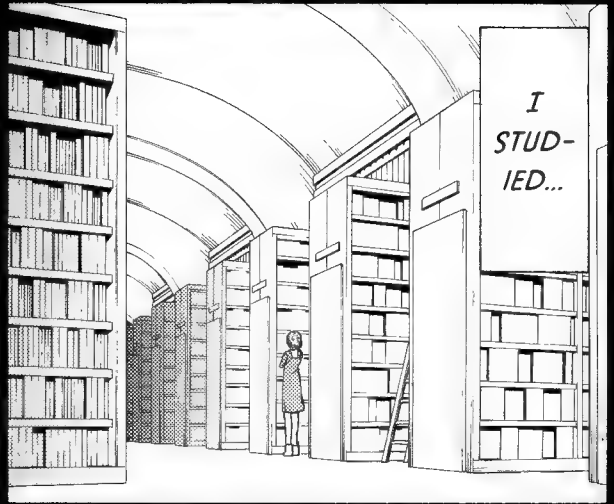
LILA,

JUST AS
ONEE-SAMA
WANTED TO
BECOME A
DOCTOR...

I, TOO, HAD
SOMETHING
I WANTED
TO BECOME.



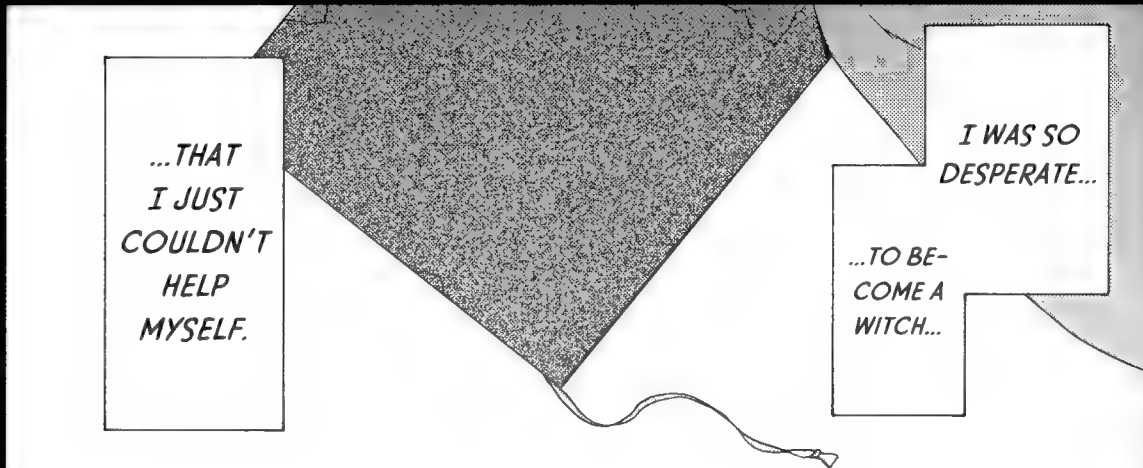
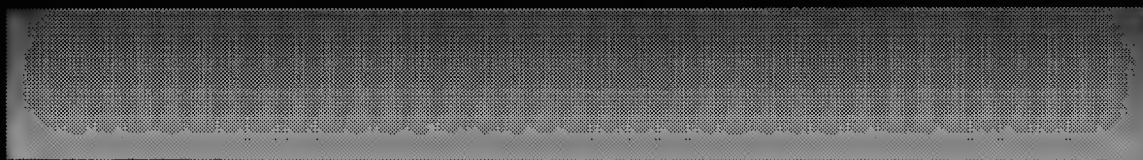
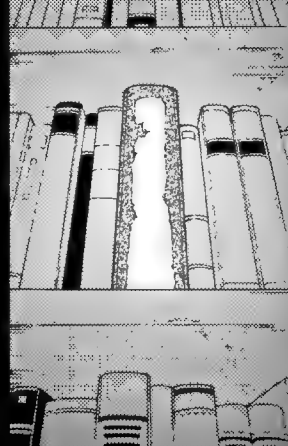
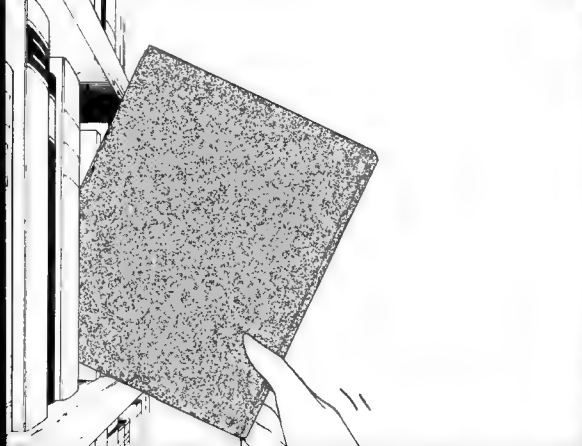
AND
STUD-
IED...



I
STUD-
IED...

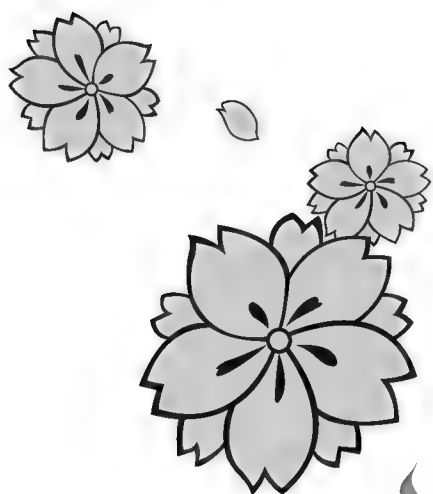


...IN
HOPES OF
REACHING
MY GOAL
SOMEDAY.

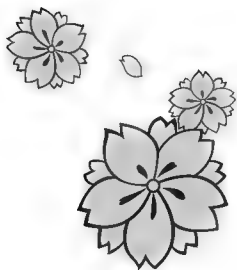




*SO I
WISHED
UPON A
STAR.*



YOZAKURA
QUARTET 9



YOZAKURA
QUARTET 9

*...I
ACCEPTED
THE
SHOOTING
STAR.*

*AND
WITH MY
BODY...*

*THAT STAR
RESPONDED
TO MY
PRAYERS...*

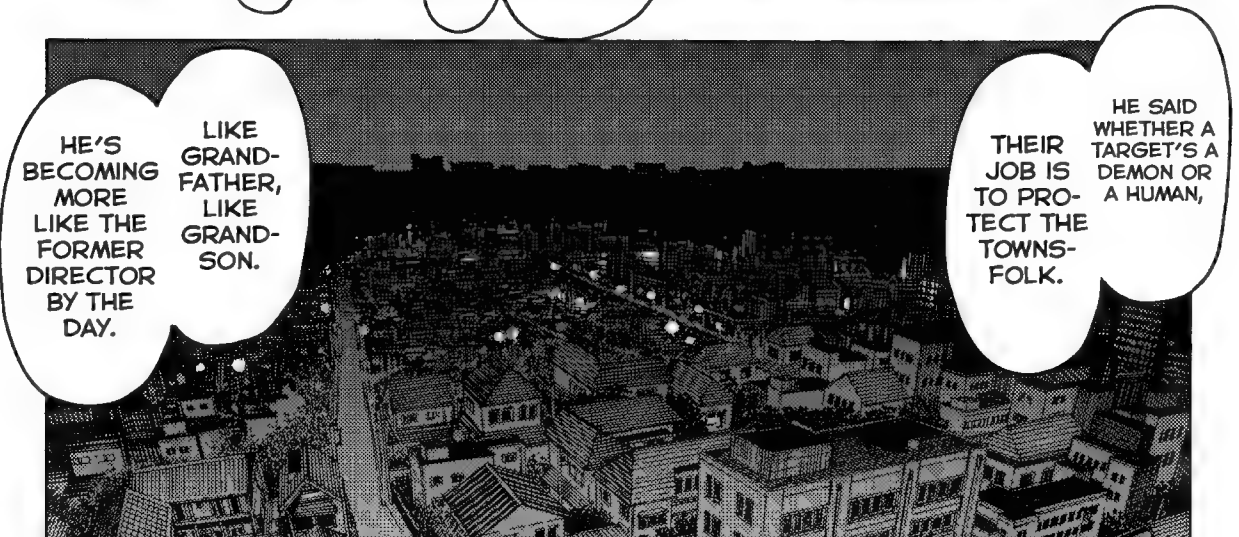
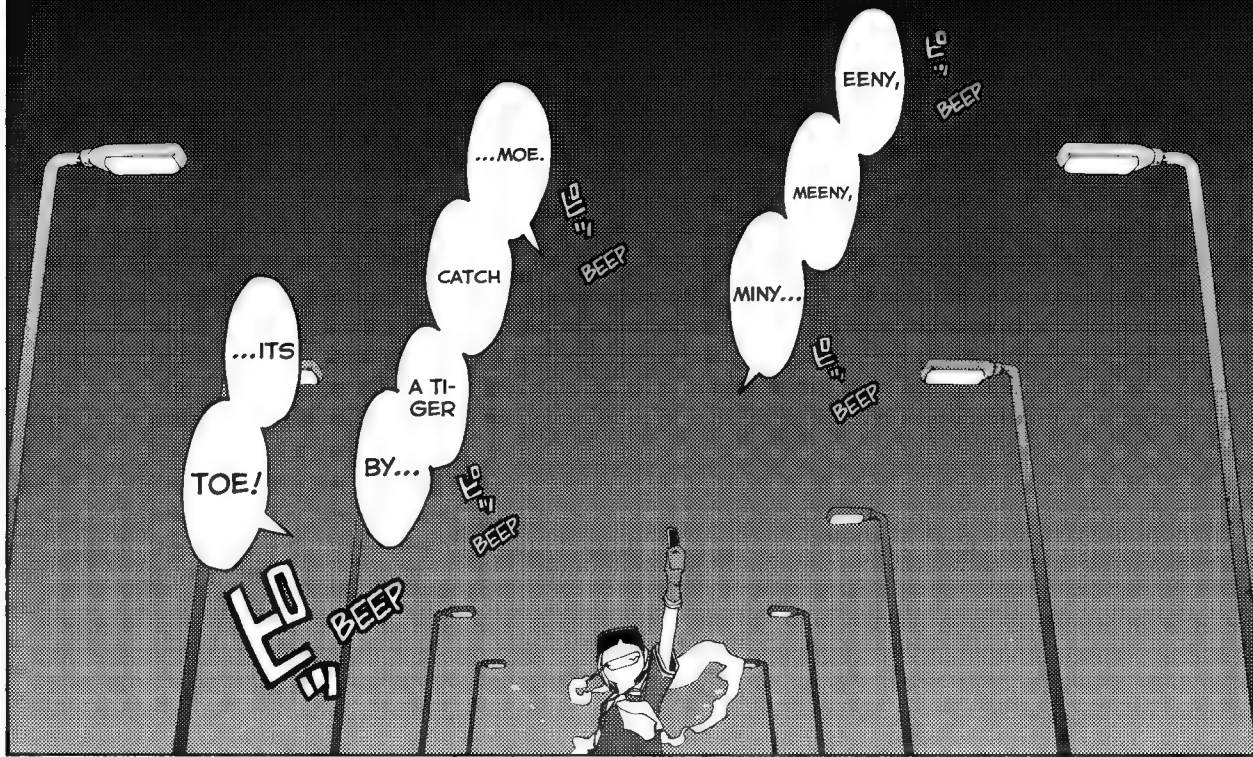
*I
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UPON A
STAR...*

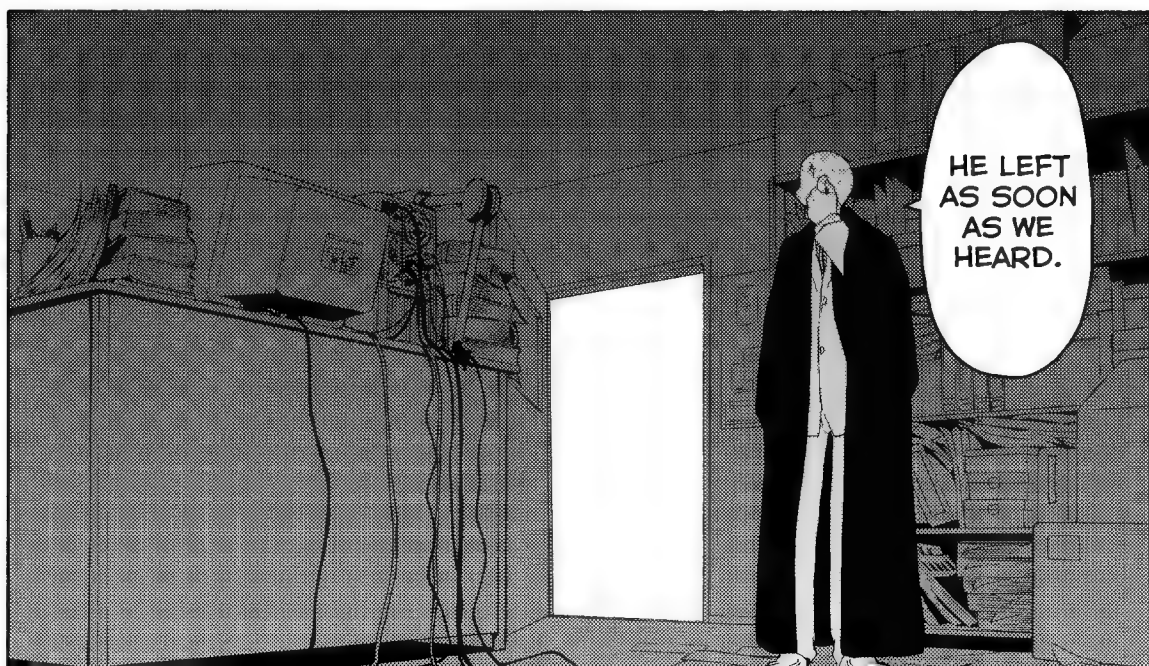
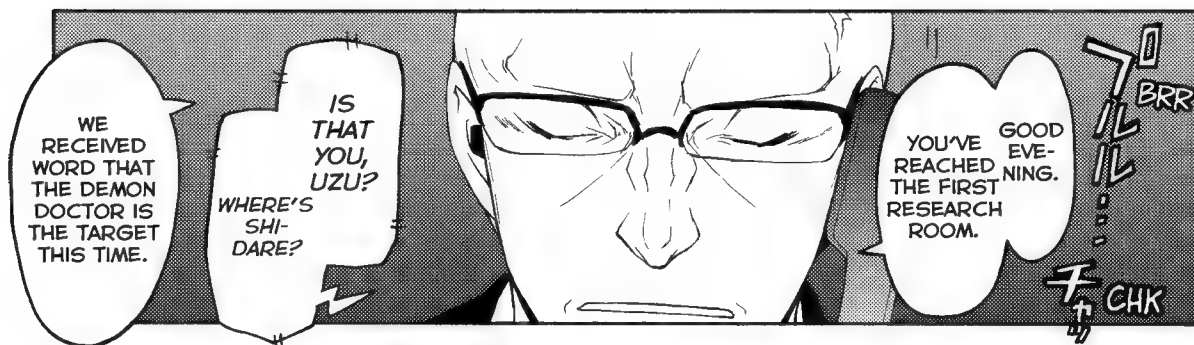
*AND
"FELL"
FROM
THE SKY.*

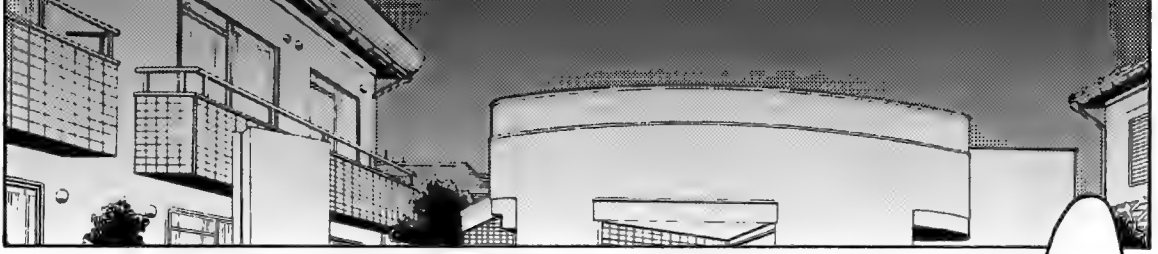
*...IN
HOPES
OF BE-
COMING
A WITCH.*







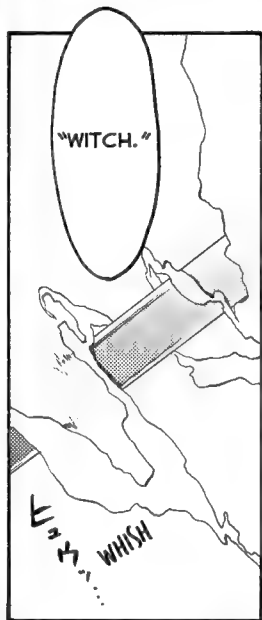






CALL
ME
THAT
...

SHING



WITCH.

WHISH



...WILL
YOU?



TMP

AAAH!

WHOA!

TMP

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

AAH,
THAT
SUR-
PRISED
ME!

KO-
TO-
HA!

WAIT,
THAT'S
THE
DEMON
HUNTER!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
JURI-
SAN?

WATCH
OUT!
AO, YOU
STAND
BACK!

KAY!

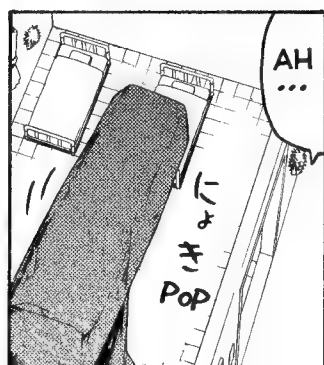
I DIDN'T
CHOOSE
TO GET
LOCKED
IN HERE!

QUIT
PLAYING
IN THE
BOX!

WHY
ARE YOU
MESSING
AROUND
AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS!

HIME
...?

20
205
5 BOUNCE
BOUNCE





BE CAREFUL, AKINA-SAN.

OKEY-DOKEY. I JUST JOINED UP WITH THE OTHERS.

ZAKU-RO!



MY, MY ...

OH?



I'M HMM?
SORRY, HAVE WE...?

I GUESS I SHOULD SAY IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

NO SURPRISE. PEOPLE WHO COME BACK FROM FALLING DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

UN-
FORTU-
NATELY
SO.

HAVE
YOU
FOR-
GOT-
TEN?

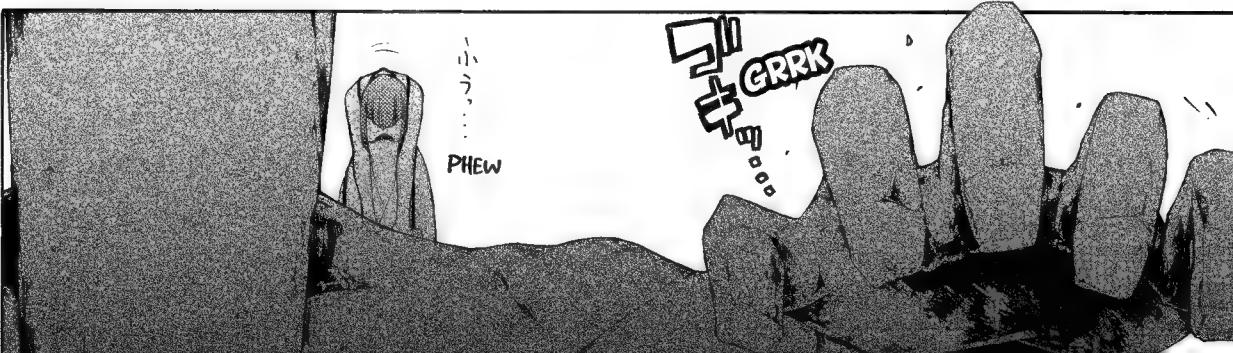
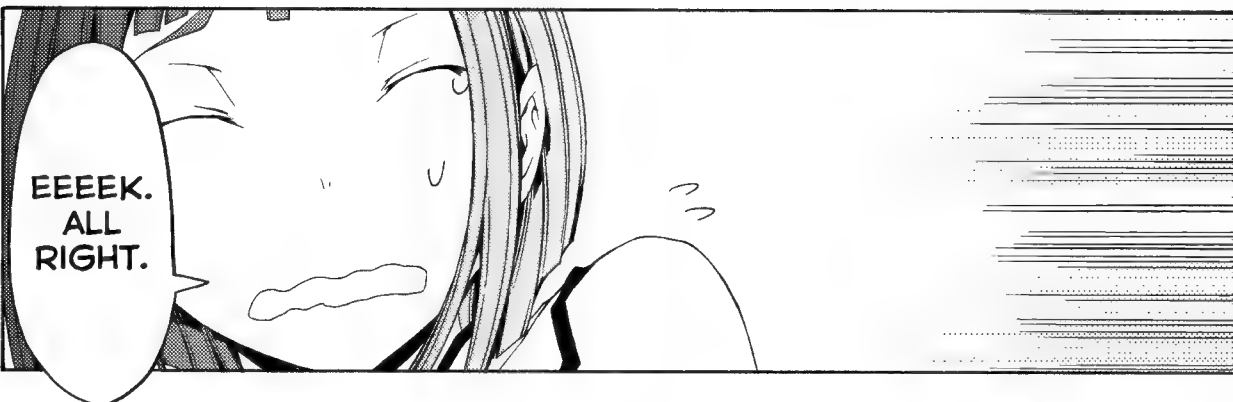
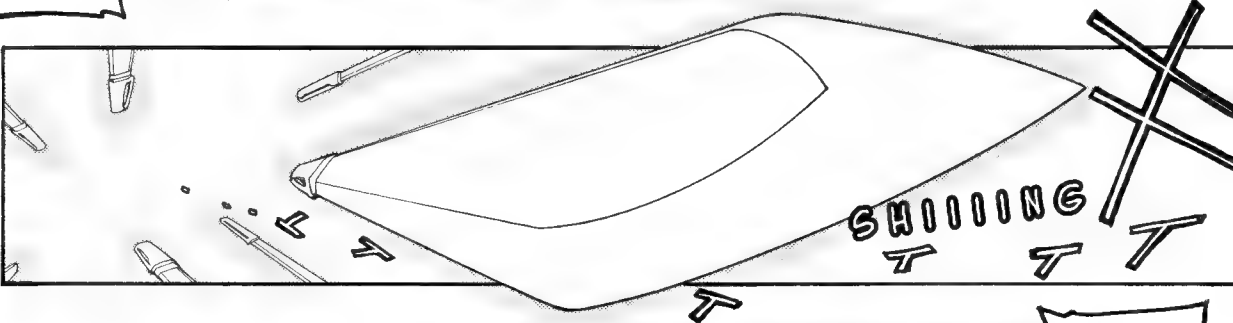
WE
MET ONCE
WHEN ALL
THE DEMON
HUNTERS
GATHERED.

FLAP

I
WELL, SEE.
THEN.

SWING

MAYBE I'LL
JUST PULL
YOU BACK
OVER TO
THIS SIDE,
THEN.







TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY,
TRAY
...

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP



OH,
ONEE-
SAMA, I
SWEAR
...

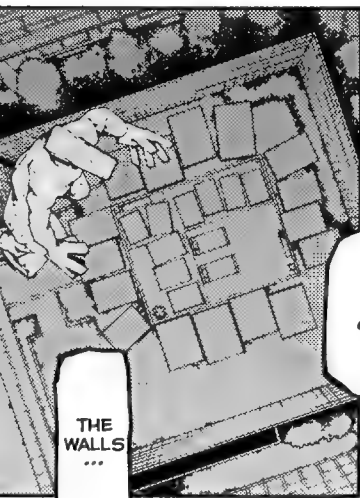
SWAY

YET YOU
WON'T SAY
YOU'RE
HAPPY TO
SEE ME.

SO,
YOU'LL
STILL
CALL ME
YOUR
SISTER,
WILL
YOU?

...MORE
HALF-
HEARTED.

YOU
COULDN'T
BE...



THE
WALLS
...

!

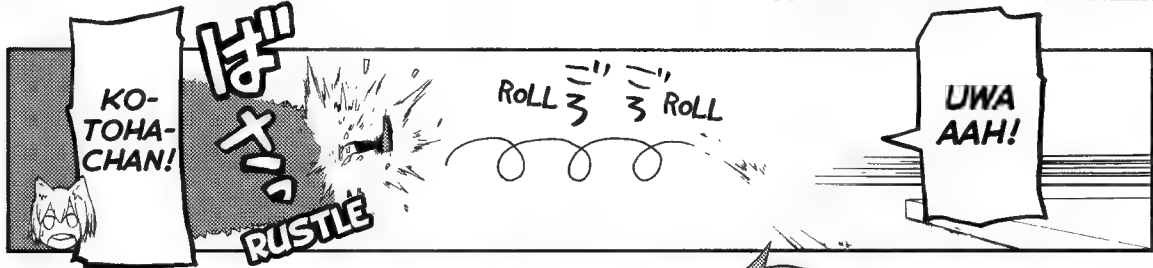
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WHAT
...?

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Swoo



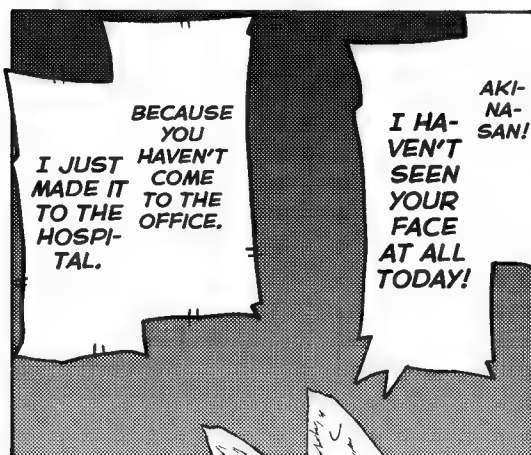


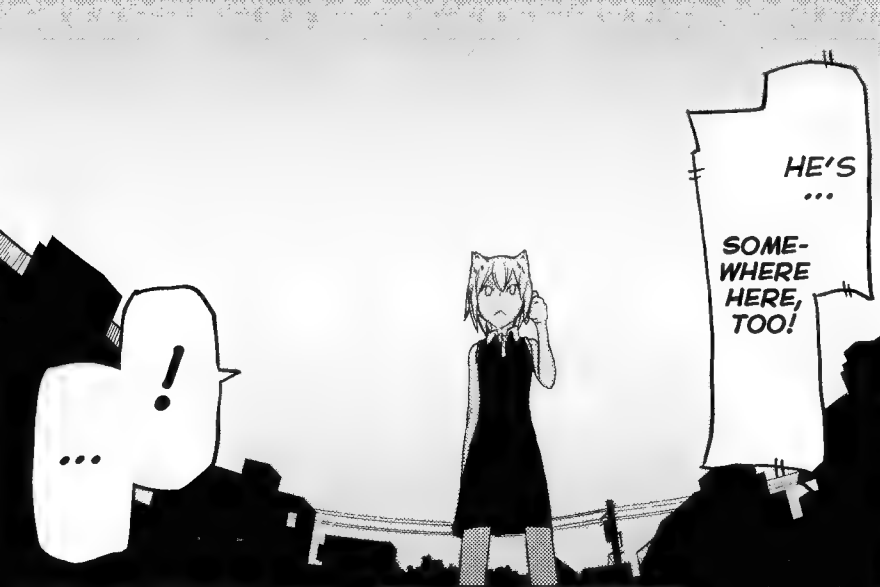
...JUST
LEAVE
ME AND
ONEE-
SAMA
ALONE?

WOULD
YOU
PLEASE
...

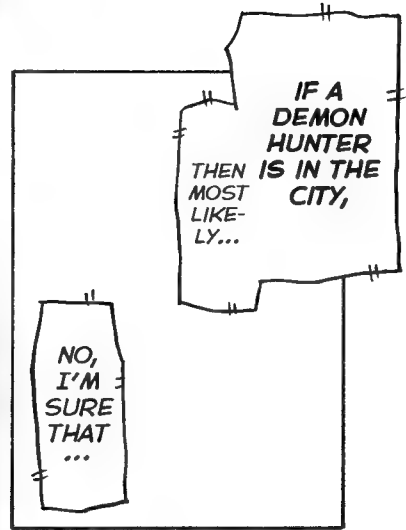








HE'S
...
SOME-
WHERE
HERE,
TOO!



IF A
DEMON
HUNTER
IS IN THE
CITY,
THEN
MOST
LIKE-
LY...

NO,
I'M
SURE
THAT
...



KO-
TOHA-
CHAN!

BOOP
70
4

I'LL
CALL
YOU
BACK
IN A
MIN-
UTE.

ROG-
ER!

SO
...

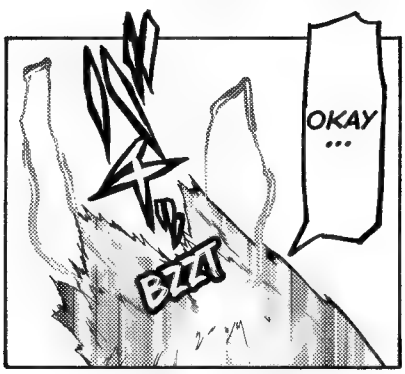


I NEED
SUGAR!

GIVE
ME A
COUGH
DROP.

A
SWEET
ONE!

YEAH,
SURE.



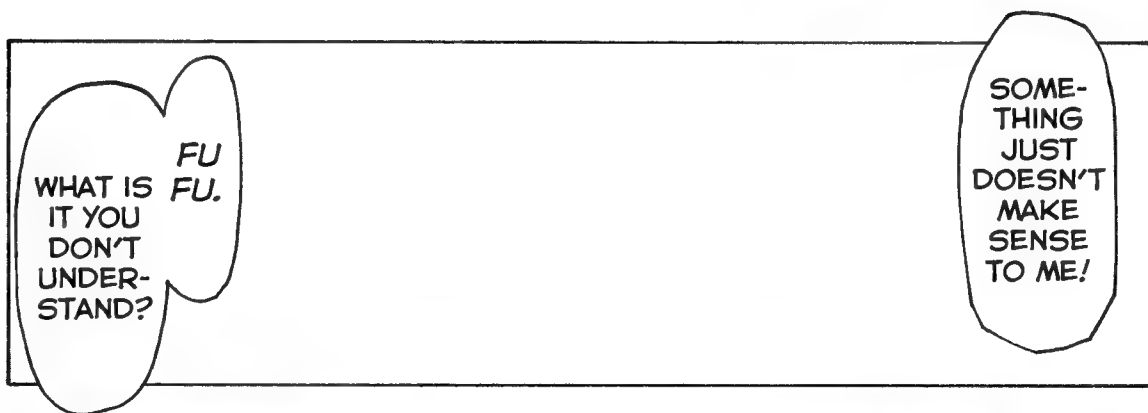
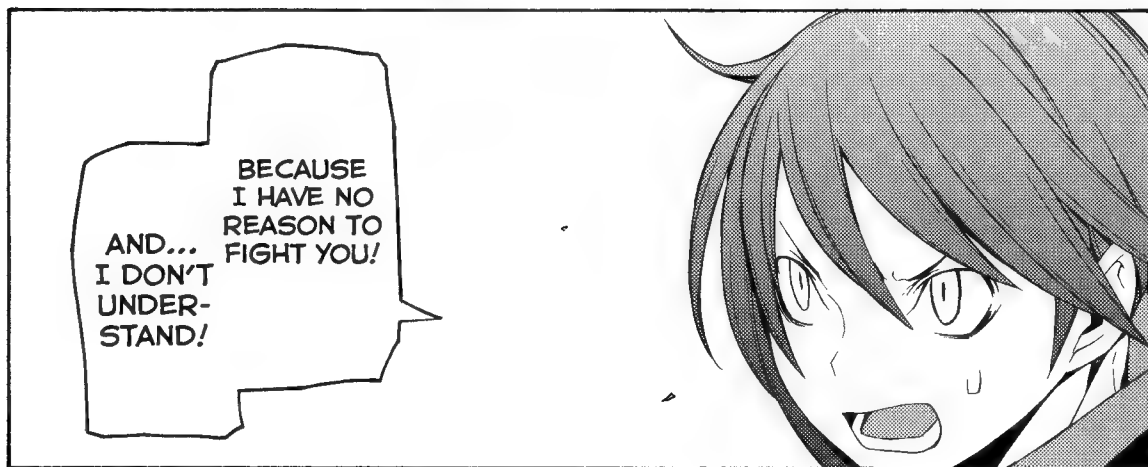
OKAY
...

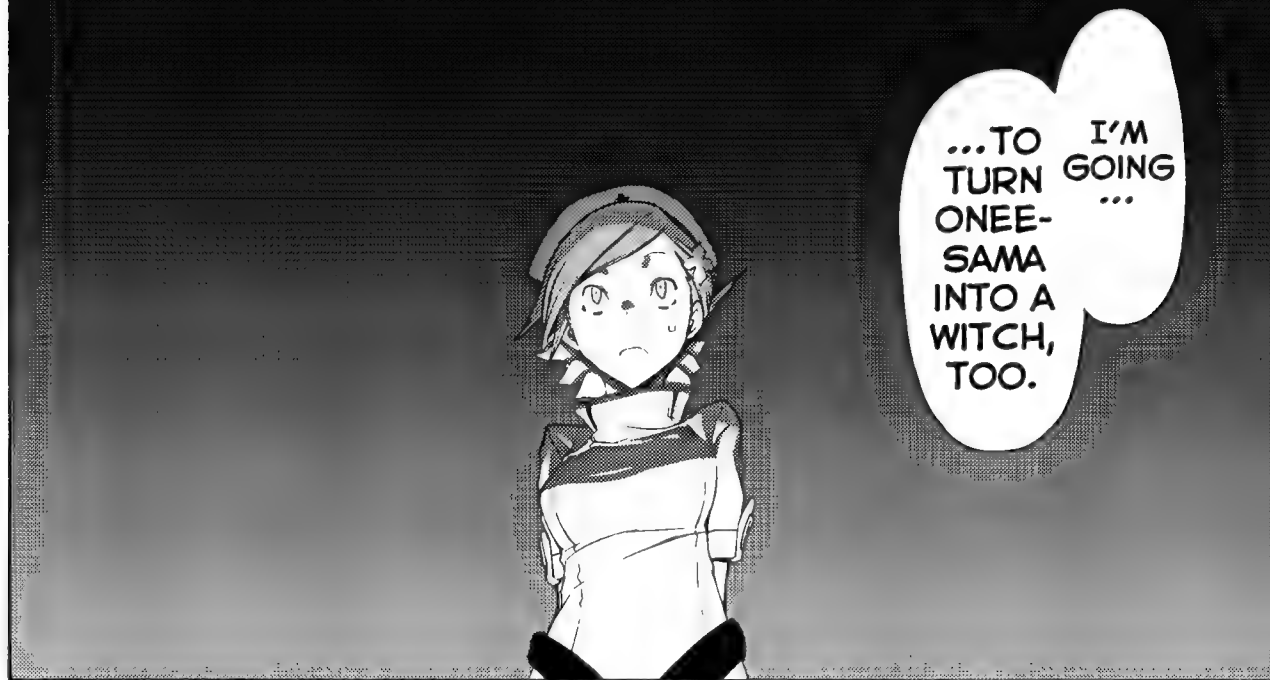
BZAT



HM?

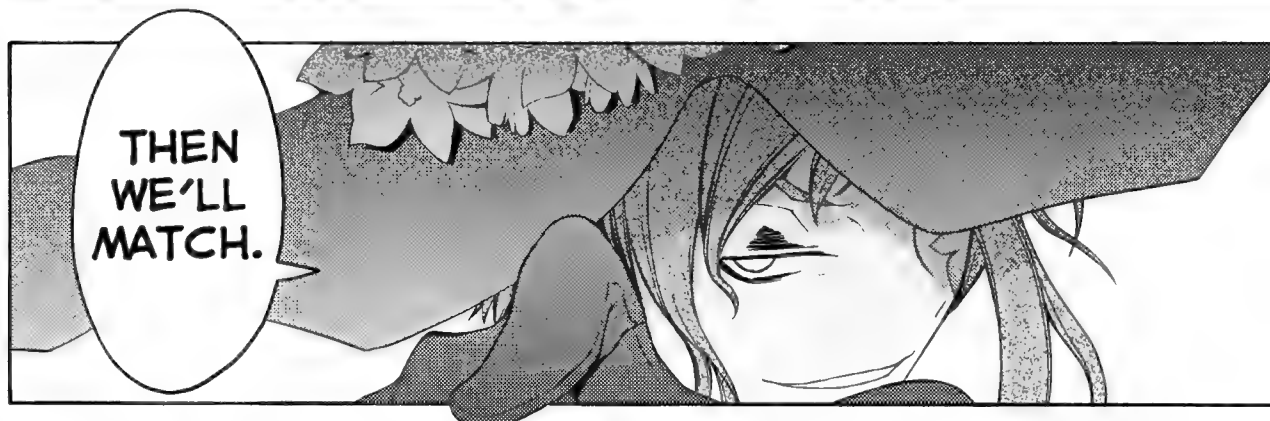






...TO
TURN
ONEE-
SAMA
INTO A
WITCH,
TOO.

I'M
GOING
...



THEN
WE'LL
MATCH.



SATIS-
FIED?



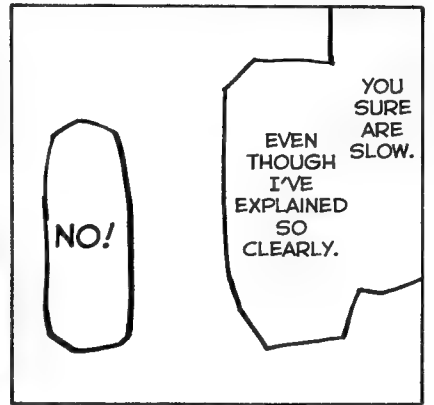
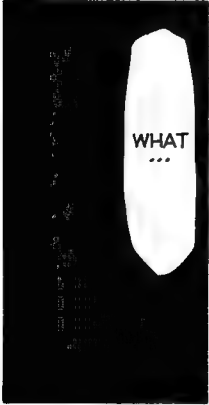
BWOF

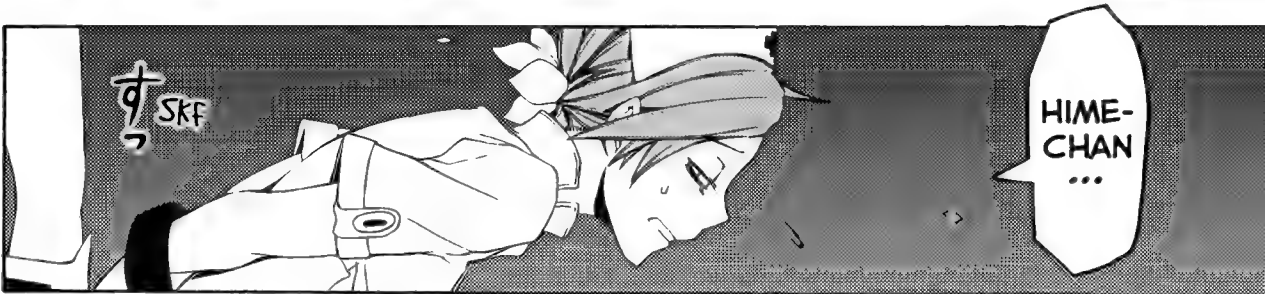
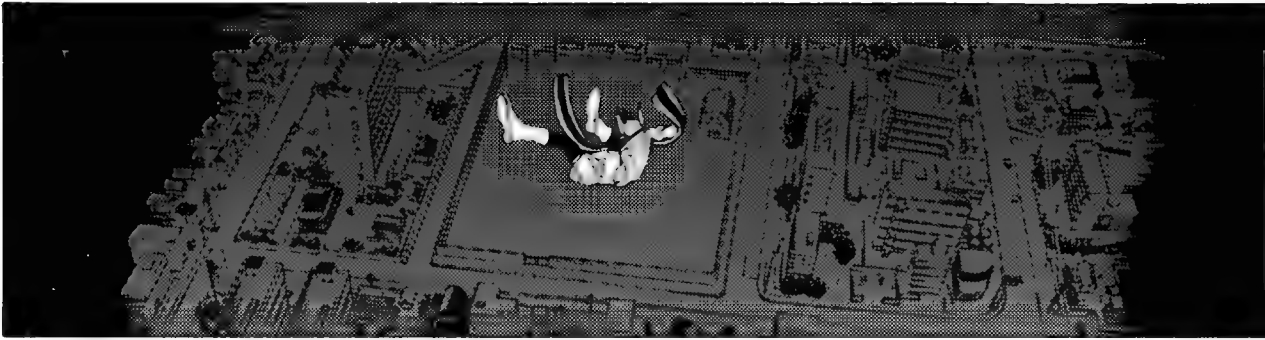
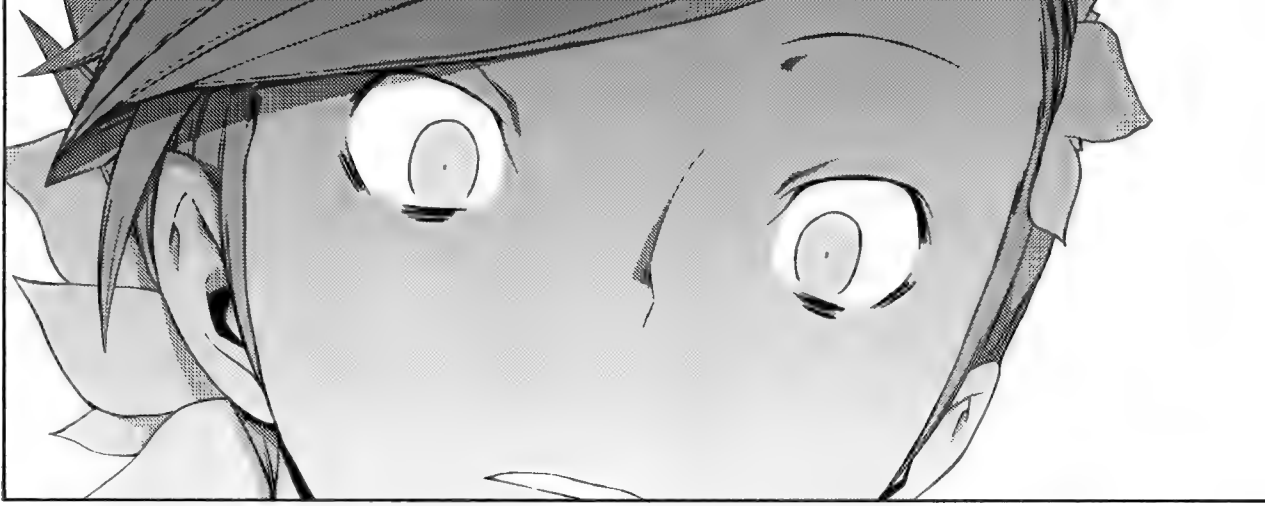
I'M
DONE
TALK-
ING.

ENOUGH.

THAT'S
...

A
WITCH?
YOU'RE
GONNA
MAKE
JURI-
SAN A
HALF-
DEMON,
TOO?









EH?
AH!



WOOOW,
SOME-
THING'S
GOING
ON.

ARE YOU
FROM THE
SEN-
ATE?



SHI-
DARE-
SAN!

DON'T
YOU
THINK
THAT WAS
A LITTLE
MUCH?



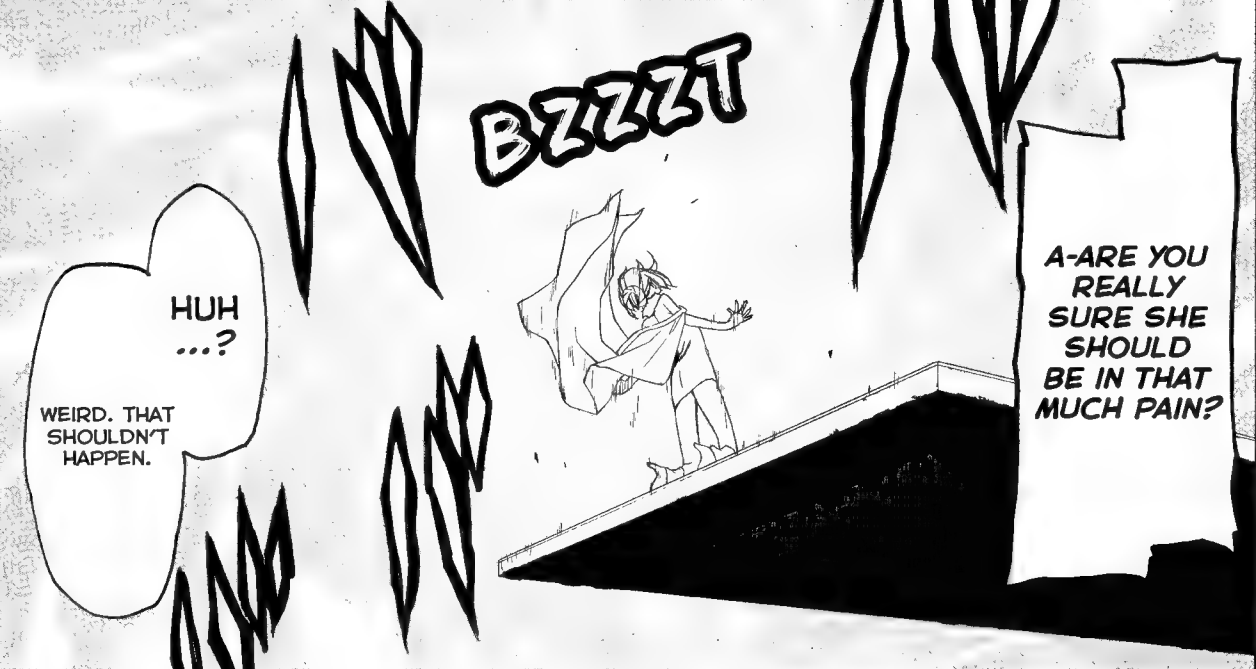
WITH THE
VITALITY
OF A HALF-
DEMON SHE
SHOULD
BE... FINE...



THINK
OF IT
LIKE A
REALLY
WEAK
TASER.



LILA?



HUH
...?

WEIRD. THAT
SHOULDN'T
HAPPEN.

A-ARE YOU
REALLY
SURE SHE
SHOULD
BE IN THAT
MUCH PAIN?



WELL,
NO
WON-
DER.

HMM
AAH. ...

AND
BACK UP
A LITTLE

DID
YOU
CHECK
THE
OUT-
PUT?

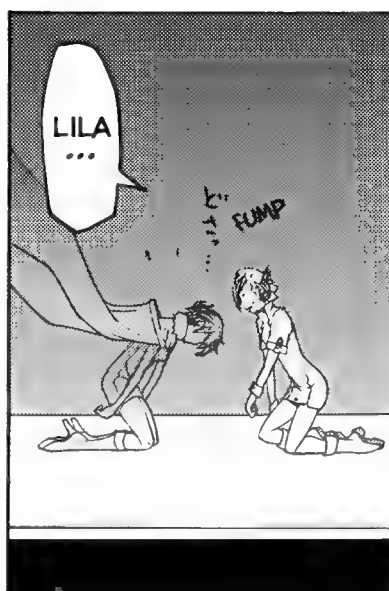
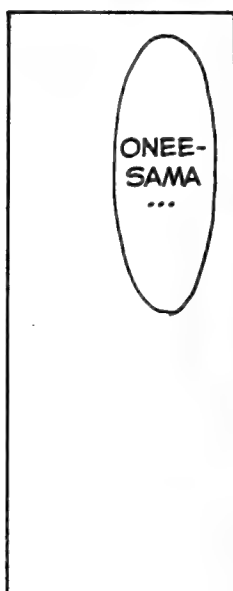
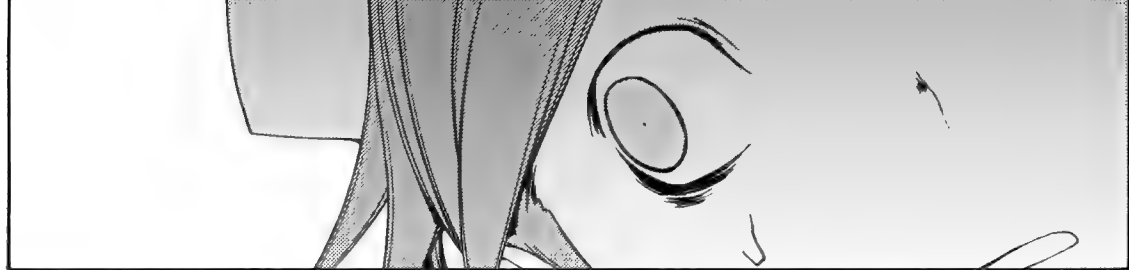
WHAT'S
GOING
ON,
SHINA-
KUN?



...IS
HUMAN.



THAT
GIRL
...



...WANTED
TO SUR-
PRISE YOU.

ぽたっ
PLIP

I...I
JUST...

AND
YET
...

WHY
WON'T
YOU
SAY IT?

I JUST
WANTED
YOU TO
SAY...

...YOU
WERE
GLAD
I WAS
ALIVE.

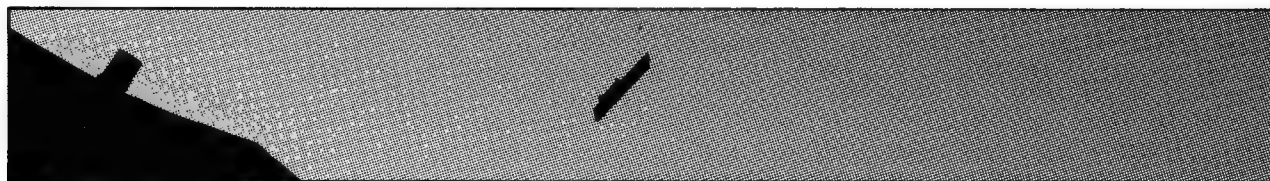
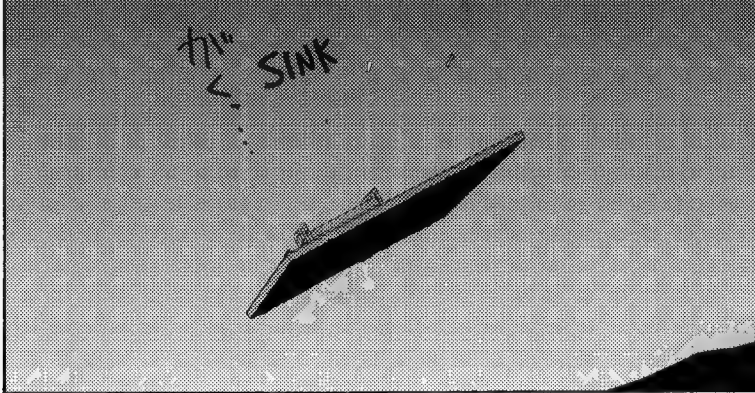


I...

くっ
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LEAN

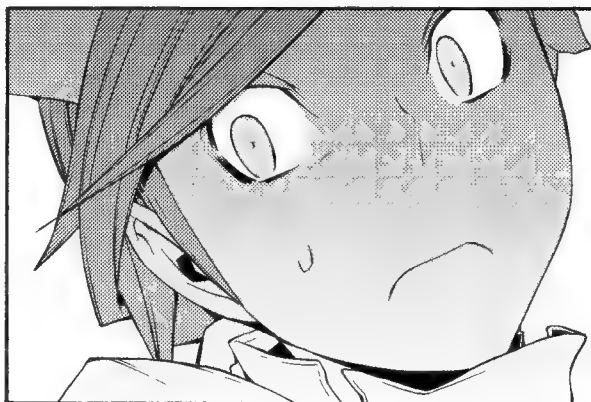
I...

LILA
...





...IS
YOUR
FAULT!



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I
KNOW.

IT'S
OKAY,
KO-
TOHA-
CHAN.

WOOO

HEY,
HIME-
CHAN
...



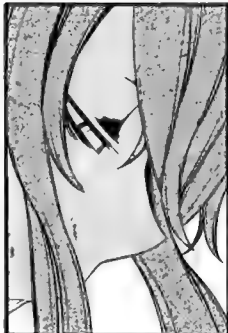
THAT'S
WHY...

YET I
WAS SO
COLD
TO HER.

...TO
MAKE ME
HAPPY.



LILA WAS
ALWAYS
JUST TRY-
ING HER
BEST...



...I KNOW
I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
TO YOU.

...BEFORE
I SAY,
"I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
ALIVE"...



BUT
THERE ARE
JUST SO
MANY THINGS
I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR...

...THAT BY
THE TIME
I'M DONE,
I'LL BE
AN OLD
WOMAN.

THAT'S
WHY...

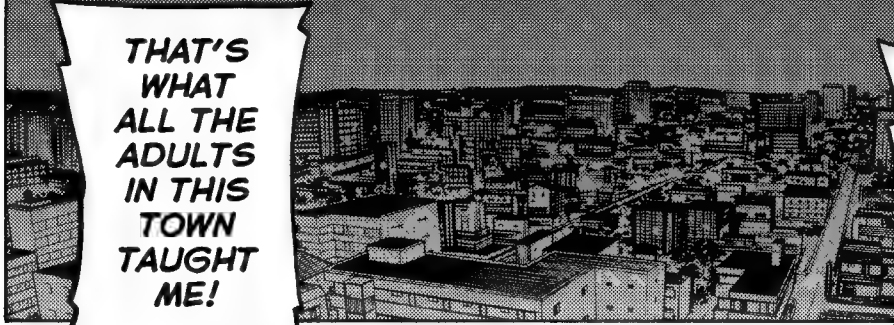
I...



SO
WHAT
?!



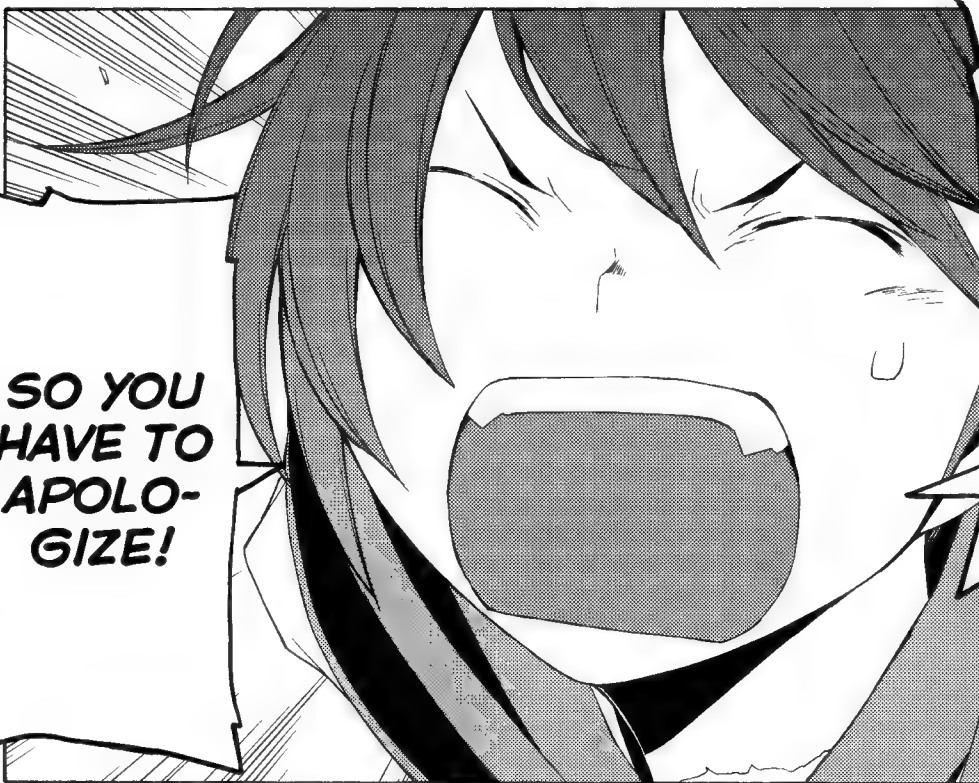
WOO

An aerial view of a city with many buildings and streets.

**THAT'S
WHAT
ALL THE
ADULTS
IN THIS
TOWN
TAUGHT
ME!**

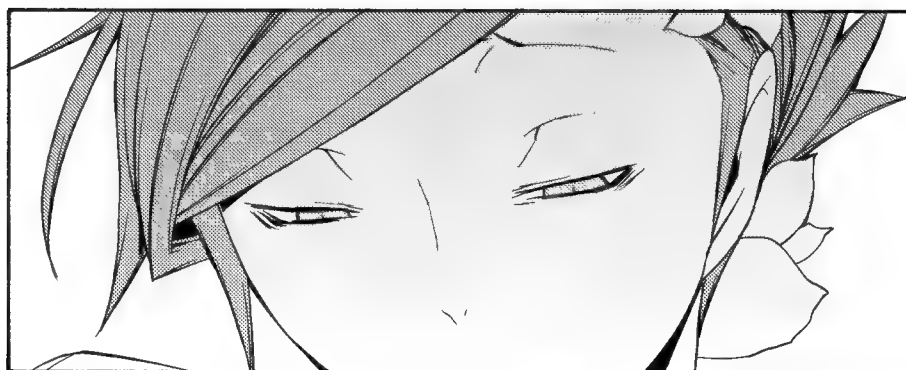
**IF
YOU DO
SOME-
THING
WRONG,
SAY
YOU'RE
SORRY!**

**IF
YOU'RE
HAPPY,
THEN
SAY
THANK
YOU!**

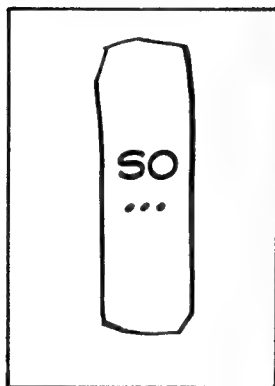
A close-up of a girl with long dark hair, shouting with her mouth wide open.

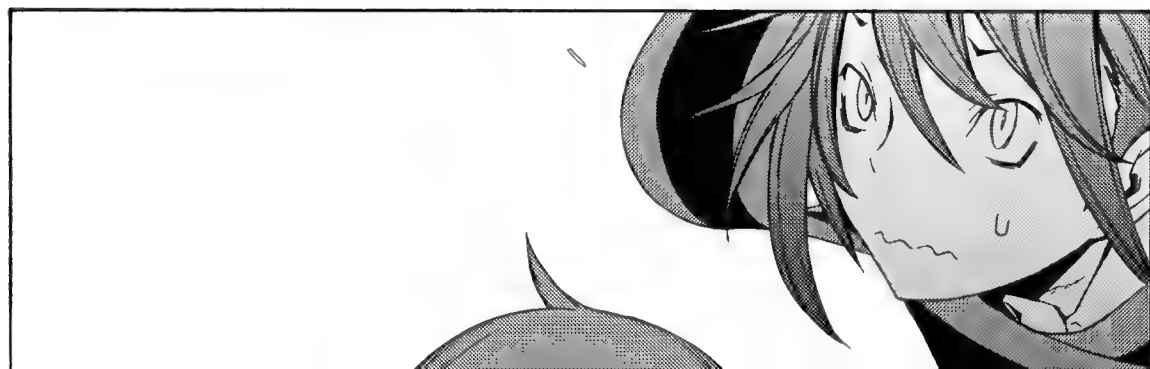
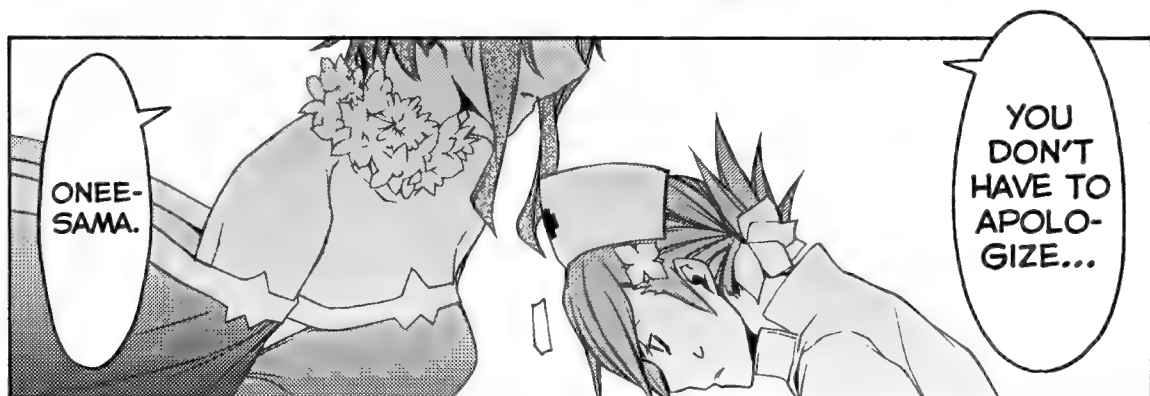
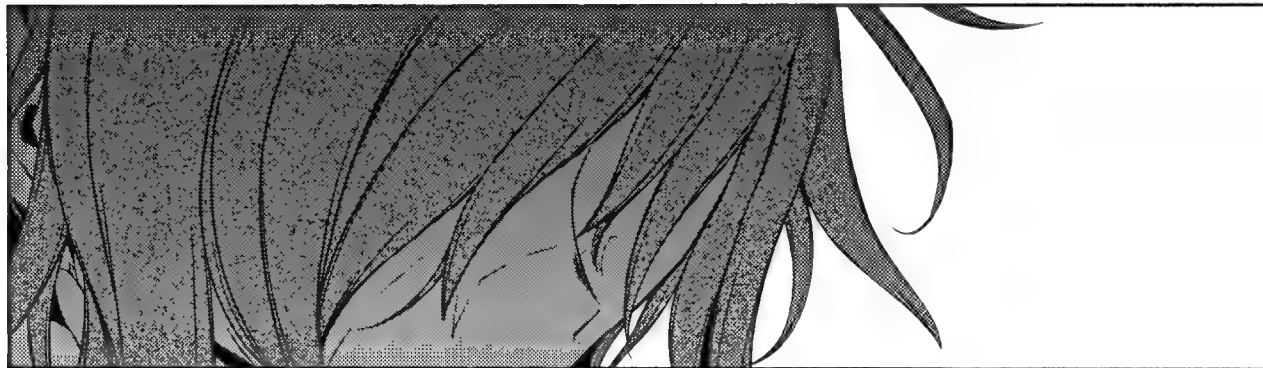
**SO YOU
HAVE TO
APOLO-
GIZE!**

**THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
TAUGHT
ME!**

A close-up of a girl's face, looking up with a sad expression. Her eyes are closed, and her mouth is slightly open.

**YOU'RE
...
ABSO-
LUTELY
RIGHT.**





...BUT
THAT JUST
MEANS
I NEEDED
MORE
PRACTICE.

I WOULD
HAVE BEEN
HAPPIER IF
YOU HAD
LIKED MY
TRICKS...

I WAS
HAPPY
ENOUGH
JUST
HAVING
YOU
WATCH.

I ONLY
WANTED
TO HELP
YOU RELAX
FROM YOUR
STUDIES.

AFTER
ALL, I
LOVE
YOU,
ONEE-
SAMA.

THAT'S
WHY I CAN
HONESTLY
SAY...

I DON'T
RESENT
YOU ONE
BIT.



I...



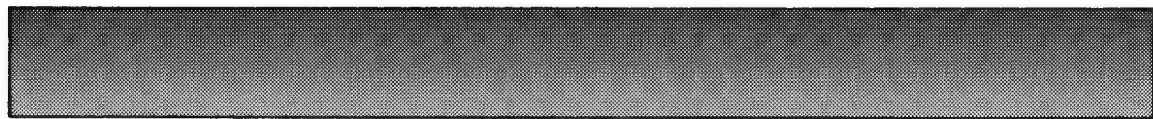


I
LOVED
THE
TRICKS
YOU
SHOWED
ME WHEN
WE WERE
KIDS!

わ
I WAAAAH
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I'M SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
ALIVE!

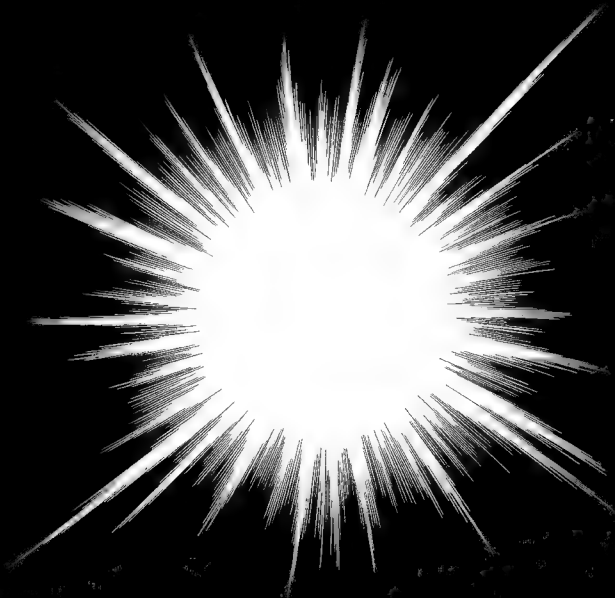
I'M SO
HAPPY! I
MISSED
YOU SO
MUCH!



BUT
...

I'VE
WAITED
SO MANY
YEARS...

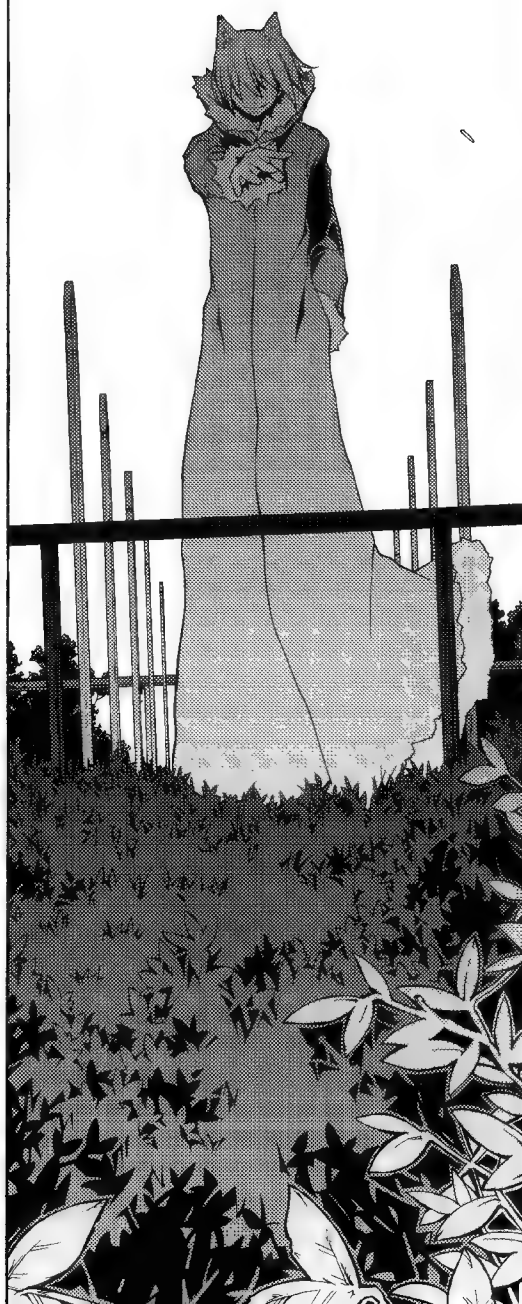
...TO
HEAR
THOSE
WORDS.



...IT'S
TOO
LATE.

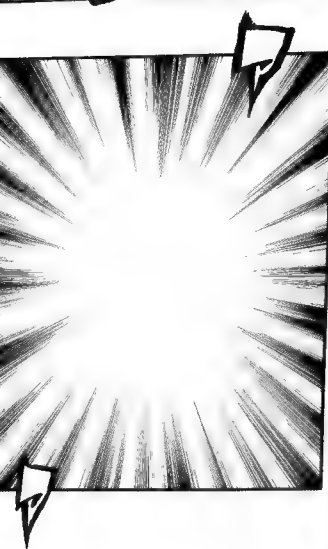


...HAS
ALREADY
BEEN
SIGNED.



THE
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TRACT
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SO,
YOU
MADE
IT IN
TIME,
AFTER
ALL.



IT SCAT-
TERED?!



WOO

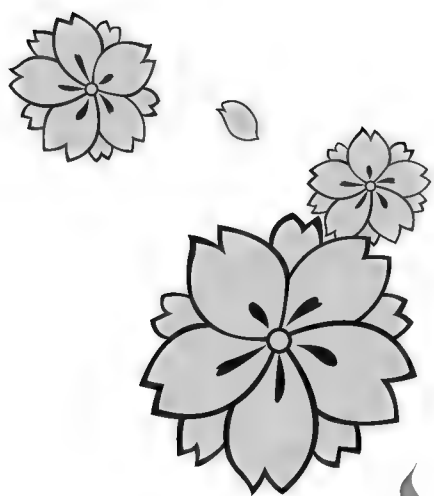
LOOK
AT
YOU,
THE
BIG SHOT
MAIN
CHARAC-
TER WHO
ARRIVES
LAST.



FWOO







YOZAKURA
QUARTET 9



49TH NIGHT SONG OF FLOWERS (PART SIX)



WOULD
YOU MIND
RELAYING A
MESSAGE
TO SATORI
FOR ME...

TAP
TAP

IT
KIND OF
STINGS.

MY
EARS ARE
MUCH MORE
SENSITIVE
THAN THE
AVERAGE
PERSON'S.

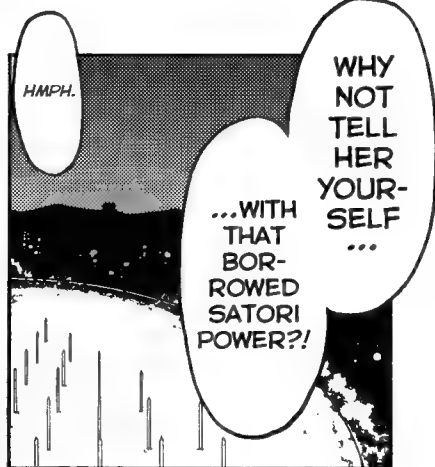
...TO
LAY OFF
ON THE
SATELLITE
USAGE?

LIKE
HELL I
WILL!



MY SPECIALTY IS THIS.

I DON'T MIND, BUT I'M ONLY BORROWING THIS BODY. I'M NOT USED TO CONTROLLING IT YET.



...WITH THAT BORROWED SATORI POWER?!

WHY NOT TELL HER YOURSELF ...



THE HIIZUMI CLAN'S POWER.



THE SAME GOES FOR THE HIIZUMI'S POWER.

BUT THERE IS A FRONT AND BACK TO EVERYTHING. LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

!

THAT'S RIGHT, THE HIIZUMI CLAN'S POWER.



IN OTHER WORDS ...

...I USE DROPPING.

SHOOM

A MEMBER OF THE BRANCH FAMILY...

AS FOR ME,

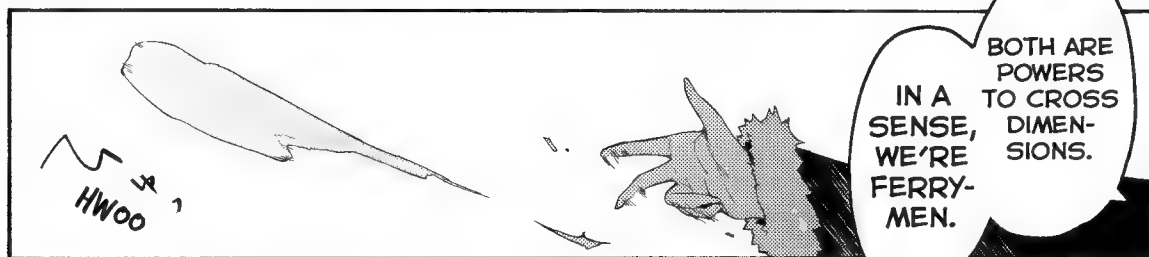
YOU COULD ALSO CALL IT THE POWER TO "SEND OFF."

IT'S THE HEAD FAMILY'S TUNING.

FOR YOU,



...THE
POWER TO
"BRING
BACK"!



BOTH ARE
POWERS
TO CROSS
DIMEN-
SIONS.

IN A
SENSE,
WE'RE
FERRY-
MEN.



SO
WHAT?

SNATCH

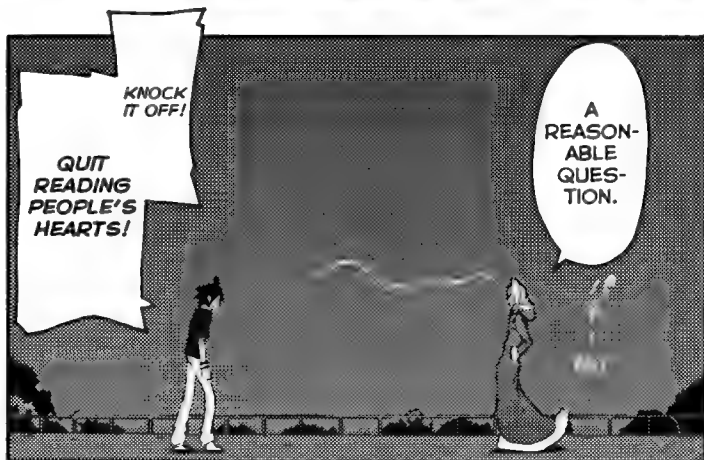
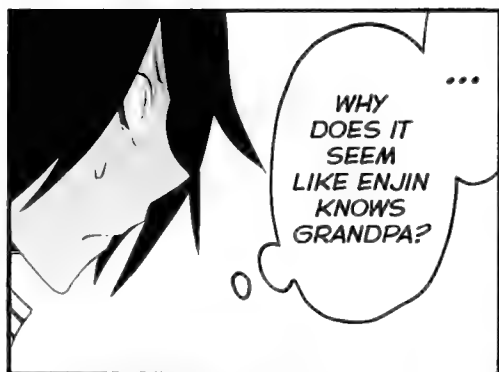


...?

THOUGH
IT MAY BE
DUE TO THE
DIFFERENCE
IN POWER,
DON'T YOU
FIND THAT
STRANGE?

...AND A
BRANCH
FAMILY.

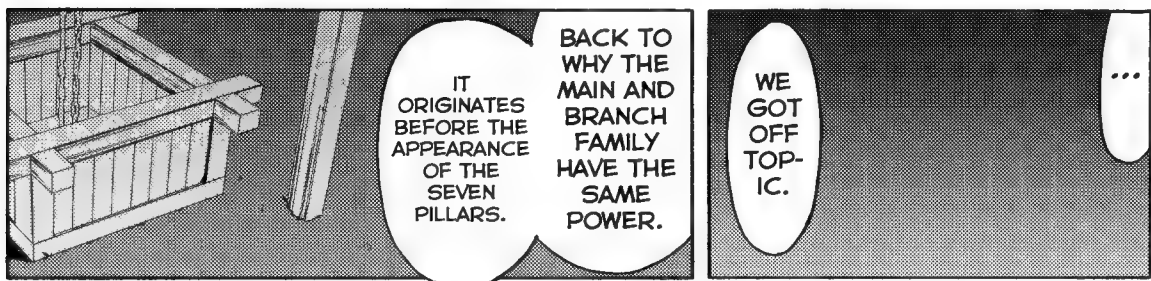
WE
WIELD
THE SAME
POWER,
YET THERE
EXISTS
A HEAD
FAMILY
...





...WAS
NONE
OTHER
THAN YOU,
AKINA.

...THE
ONE WHO
SENT HIM
OVER...

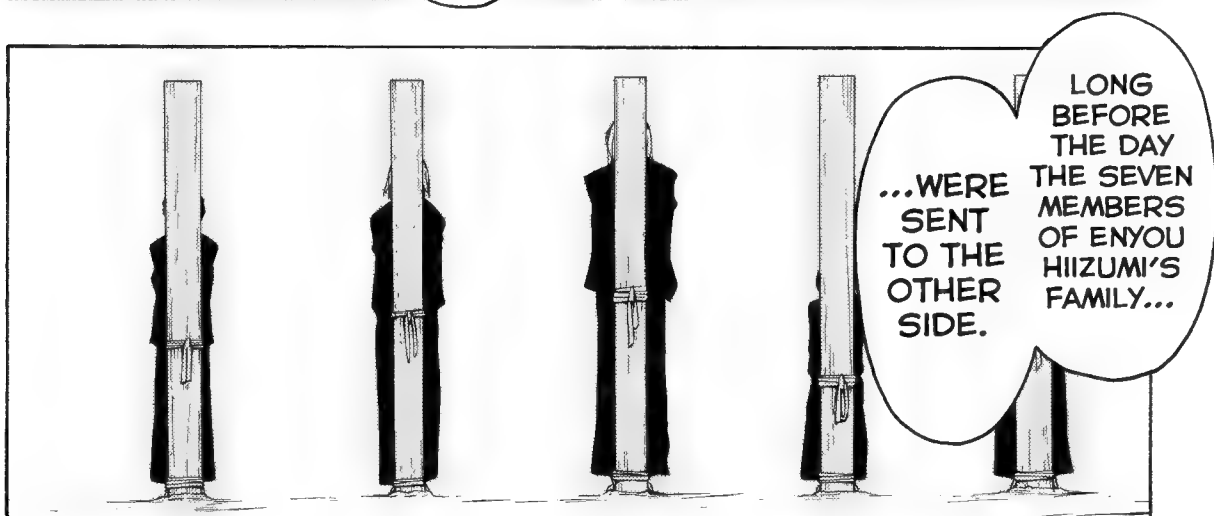


IT
ORIGINATES
BEFORE THE
APPEARANCE
OF THE
SEVEN
PILLARS.

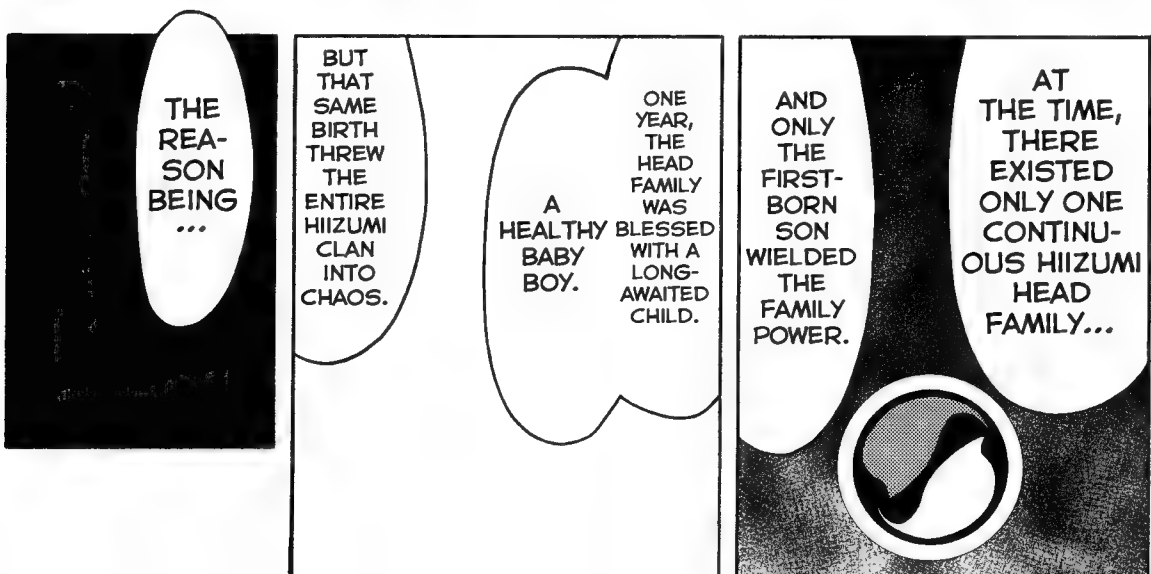
BACK TO
WHY THE
MAIN AND
BRANCH
FAMILY
HAVE THE
SAME
POWER.

WE
GOT
OFF
TOP-
IC.

...



LONG
BEFORE
THE DAY
THE SEVEN
MEMBERS
OF ENYOU
HIIZUMI'S
FAMILY...
...WERE
SENT
TO THE
OTHER
SIDE.



THE
REA-
SON
BEING
...

BUT
THAT
SAME
BIRTH
THREW
THE
ENTIRE
HIIZUMI
CLAN
INTO
CHAOS.

A
HEALTHY
BABY
BOY.

ONE
YEAR,
THE
HEAD
FAMILY
WAS
BLESSED
WITH A
LONG-
AWAITED
CHILD.

AND
ONLY
THE
FIRST-
BORN
SON
WIELDED
THE
FAMILY
POWER.

AT
THE TIME,
THERE
EXISTED
ONLY ONE
CONTINU-
OUS HIIZUMI
HEAD
FAMILY...





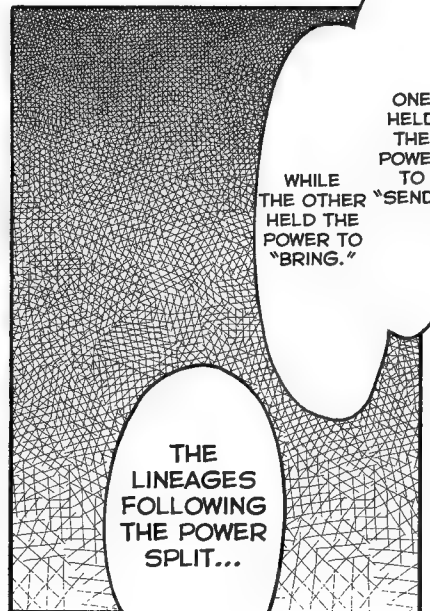
...IT
WAS
TWIN
S
THAT
WERE
BORN.



...AND
BRANCH
FAMILIES.

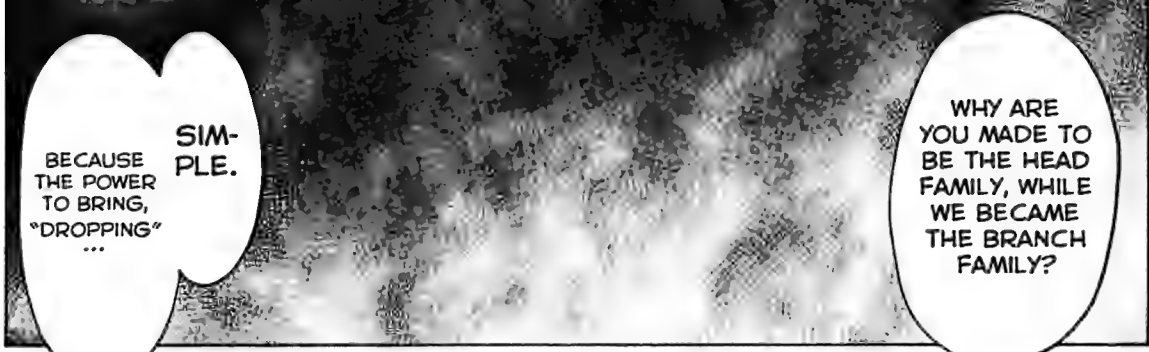


...BE-
CAME
THE
HEAD
...



ONE
HELD
THE
POWER
TO
"SEND,"
WHILE
THE OTHER
HELD THE
POWER TO
"BRING."

THE
LINEAGES
FOLLOWING
THE POWER
SPLIT...



BECAUSE
THE POWER
TO BRING,
"DROPPING"
...

SIM-
PLE.

WHY ARE
YOU MADE TO
BE THE HEAD
FAMILY, WHILE
WE BECAME
THE BRANCH
FAMILY?



RATHER,
YOU COULD
SAY IT'S
DETESTED.

...HAS
NO PLACE
IN THIS
WORLD.



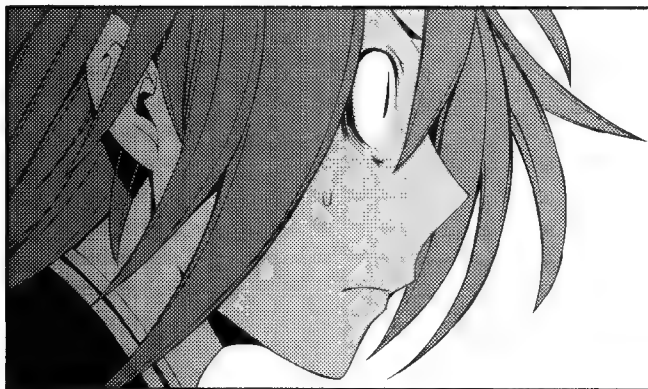
THAT'S-



MOV-
ING
ON...

JOIN
ME.

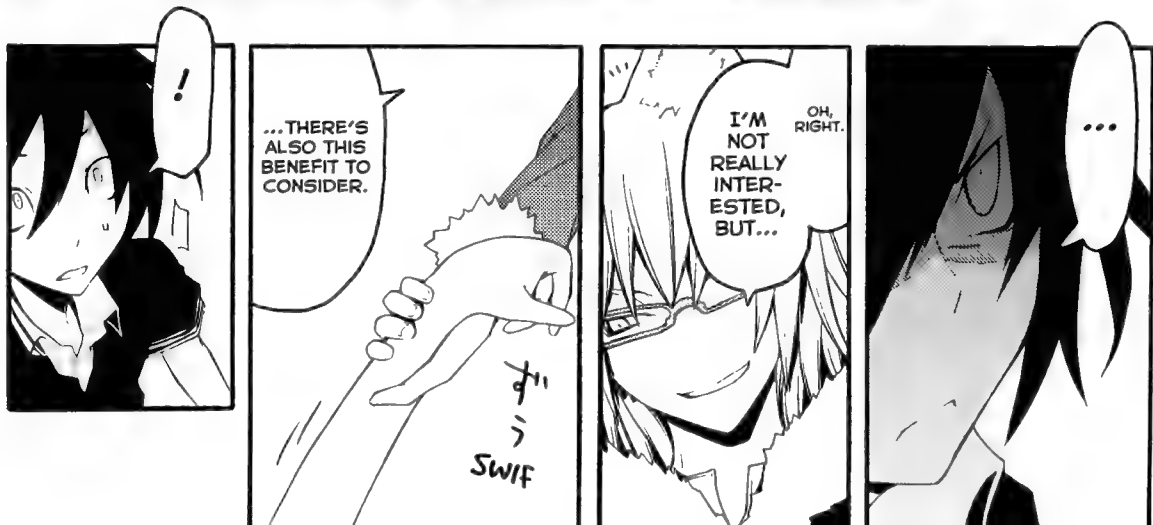
AKINA
HIIZUMI.



HU-
MANS
...
...AND
DEMONS
ALIKE.

BUT IF YOU
WERE TO JOIN
FORCES WITH
ME, WE COULD
EASILY HAVE THE
WORLD IN THE
PALM OF OUR
HANDS.

EVEN IF I
TOOK YOUR
BODY, I DOUBT
I WOULD BE
ABLE TO USE
THE HEAD
FAMILY'S
POWER TO
ITS FULL
POTENTIAL.





YOU
COULD MAKE
ANYONE
YOU CHOOSE
YOUR
PERSONAL
PET.

BY CON-
TROLLING
THIS WORLD,
EVERYONE
WILL BE AT
YOUR BECK
AND CALL.



HOW
'BOUT
IT? NOT
A BAD
DEAL,
RIGHT?



TO BE
HONEST,
I UNDER-
ESTIMATED
YOU.

YOU
SHOW UP
OUT OF
NOWHERE
WITHOUT ANY
MIND FOR
DECENCY.

I GOTTA
HAND IT
TO YOU.



...BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE
I DON'T
NEED TO,
ANYMORE.

I FELT I
SHOULD
APOLOGIZE
FOR THAT,
EVENTU-
ALLY...



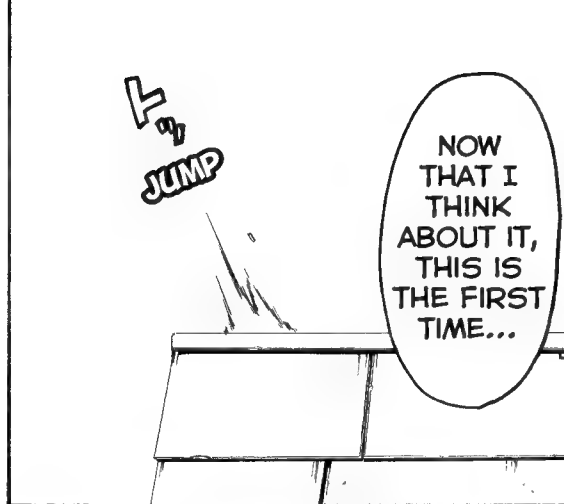
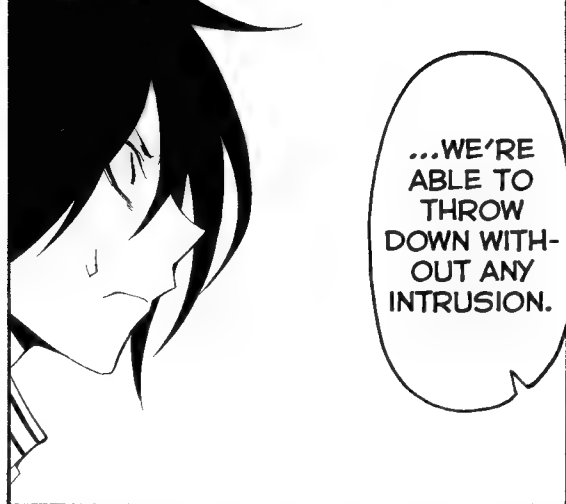
I'LL
THROW
YOU
BACK
TO THE
OTHER
SIDE
RIGHT
HERE
AND
NOW!

GET DOWN
HERE, YOU
CORRUPT
SON OF A
BITCH!

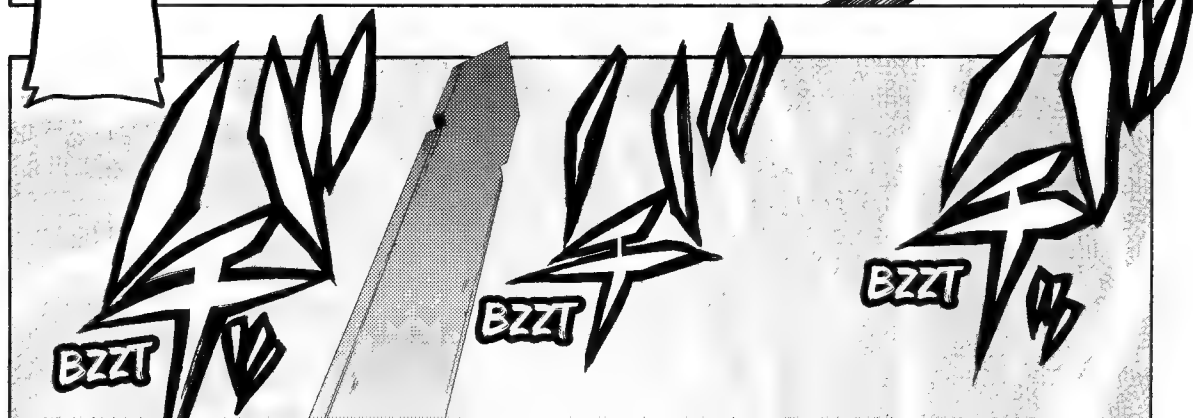
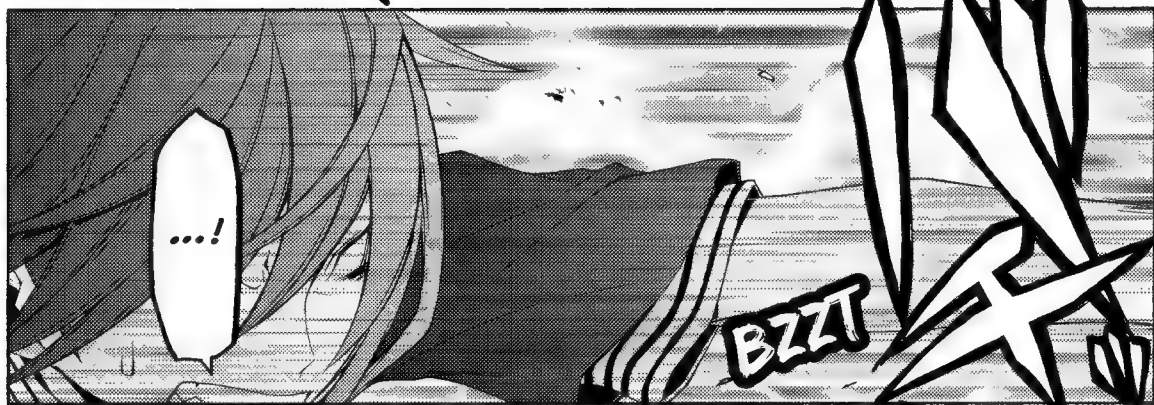
YOU ALSO
UNDERES-
TIMATED
ME WAY
TOO MUCH.



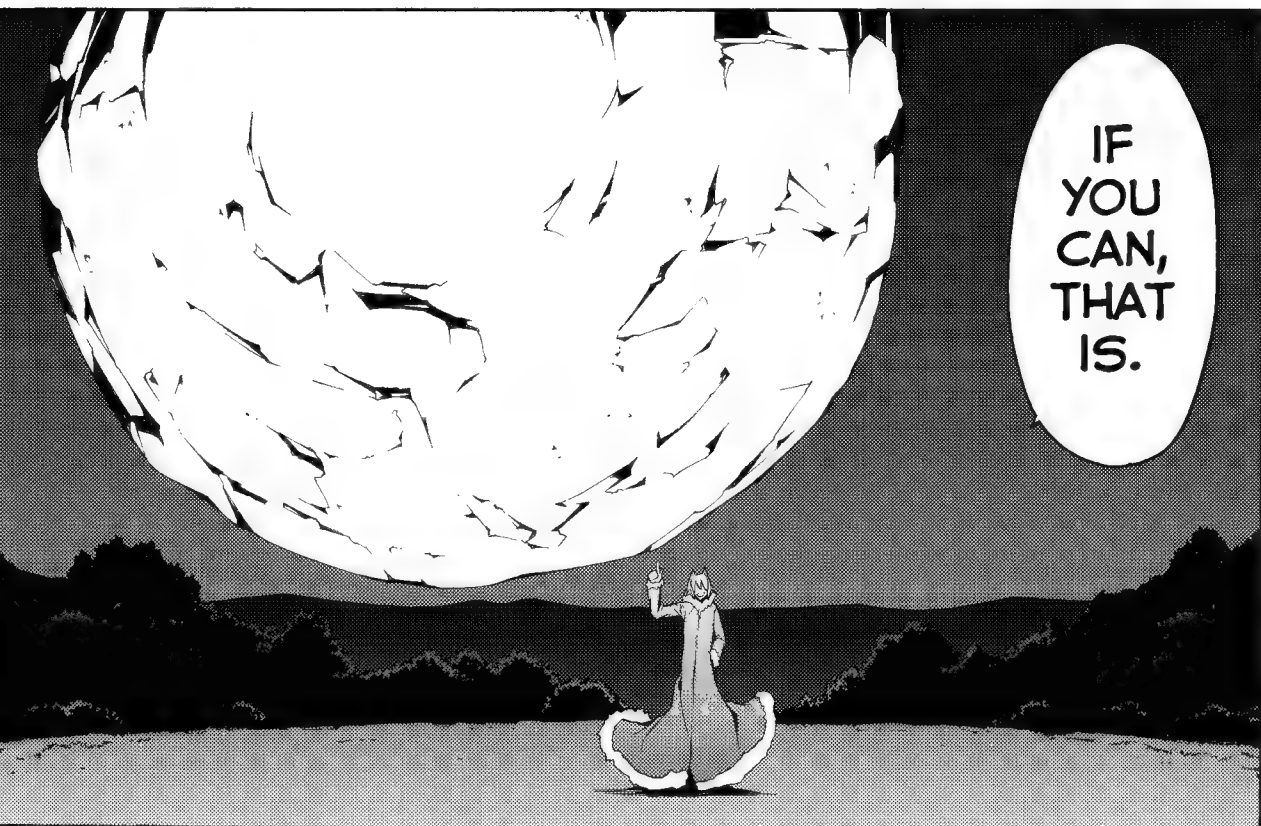
THAT'S
A NICE
EXPRES-
SION YOU
HAVE.

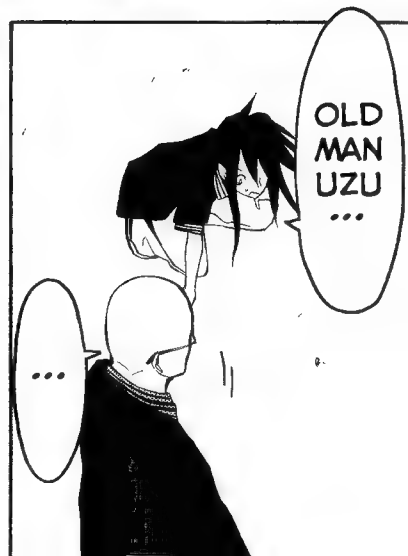


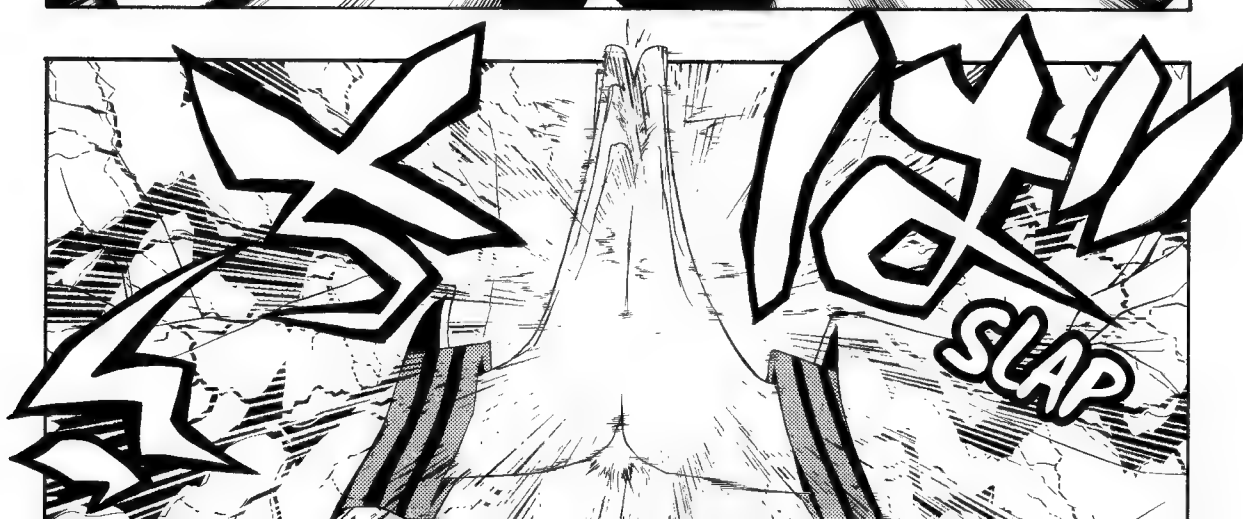
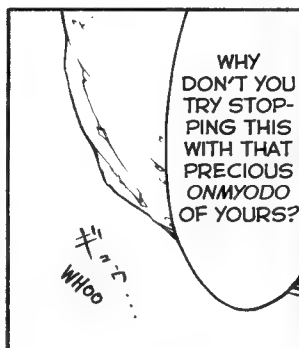














...BUT I
SUPPOSE
IT WILL
HAVE TO
SUFFICE.

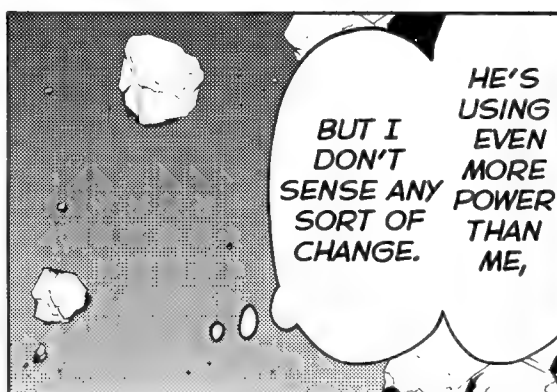
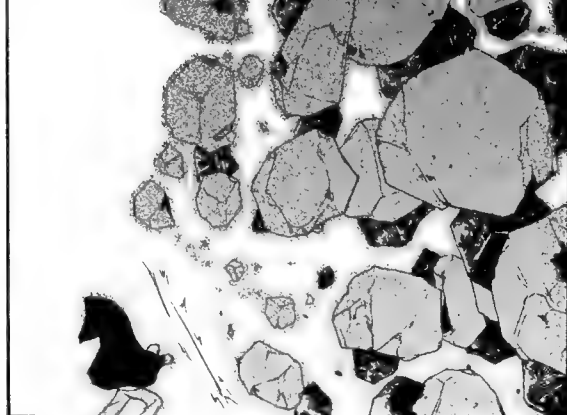
I'M
NOT
QUITE
ON HIS
LEVEL
...

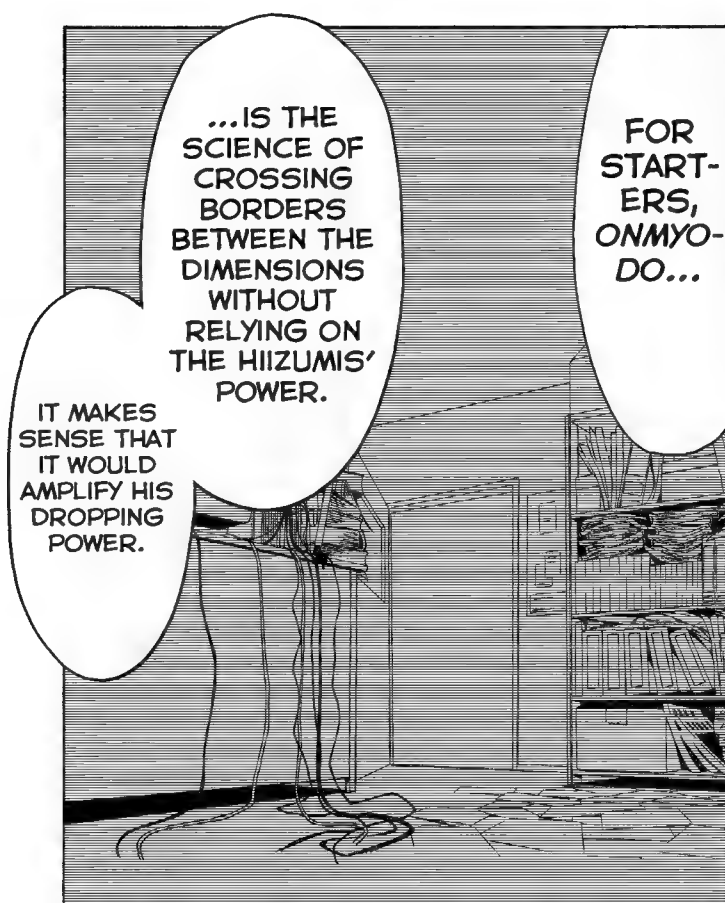
Sign: Northeast

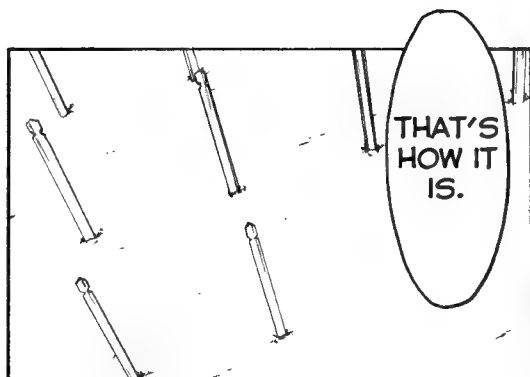


BOOM

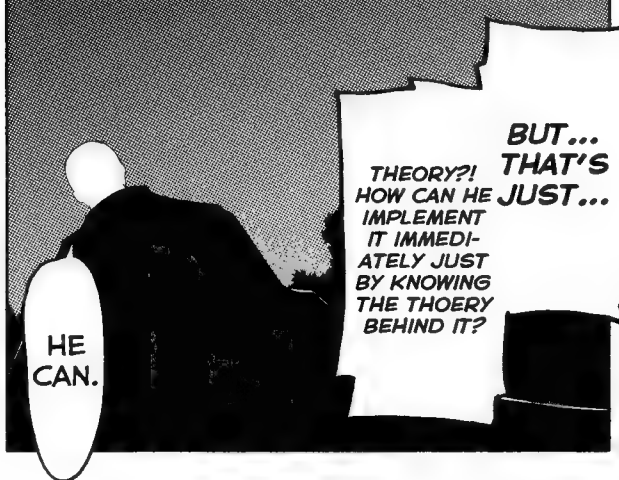
HNGH!







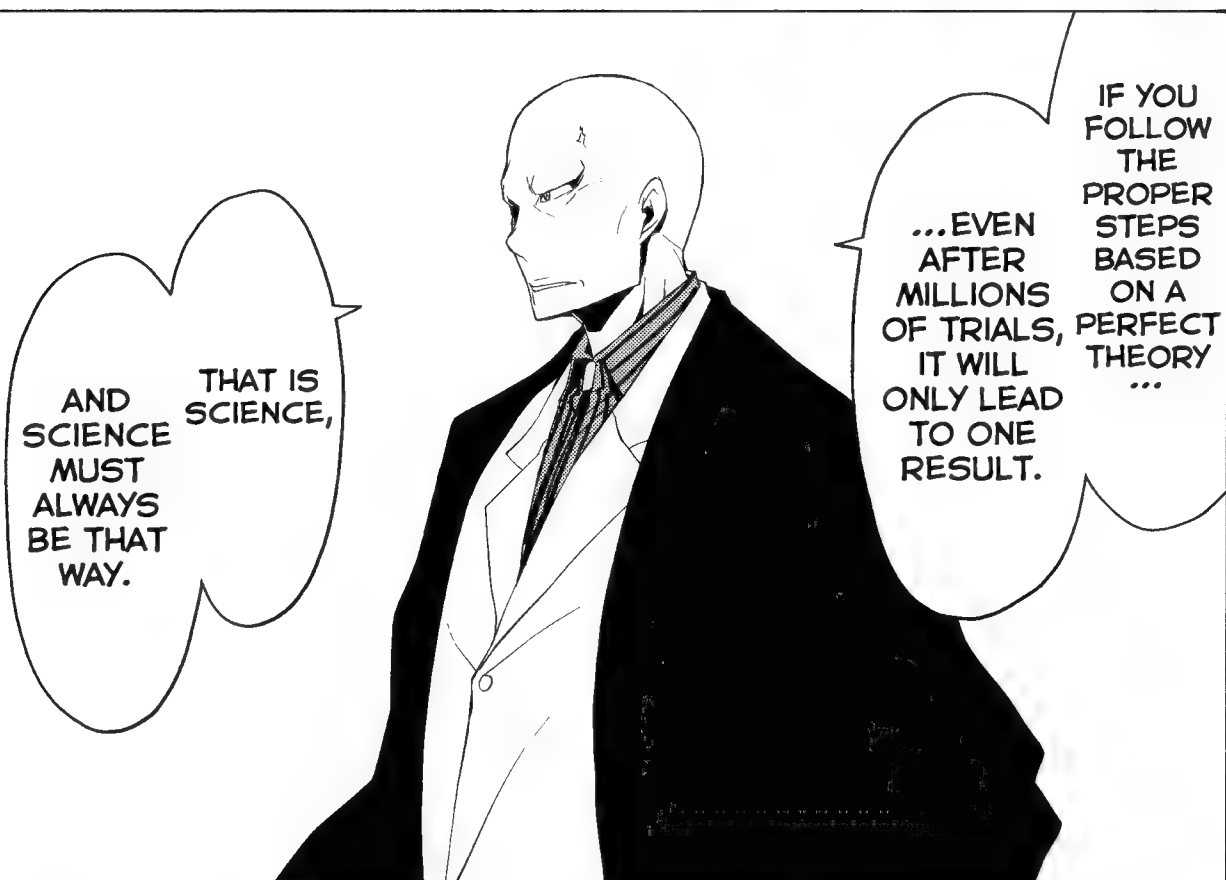
THAT'S
HOW IT
IS.



HE
CAN.

**BUT...
THAT'S
JUST...**

THEORY?!
HOW CAN HE
IMPLEMENT
IT IMMEDI-
ATELY JUST
BY KNOWING
THE THOERY
BEHIND IT?



AND
SCIENCE
MUST
ALWAYS
BE THAT
WAY.

THAT IS
SCIENCE,

...EVEN
AFTER
MILLIONS
OF TRIALS,
IT WILL
ONLY LEAD
TO ONE
RESULT.

IF YOU
FOLLOW
THE
PROPER
STEPS
BASED
ON A
PERFECT
THEORY
...

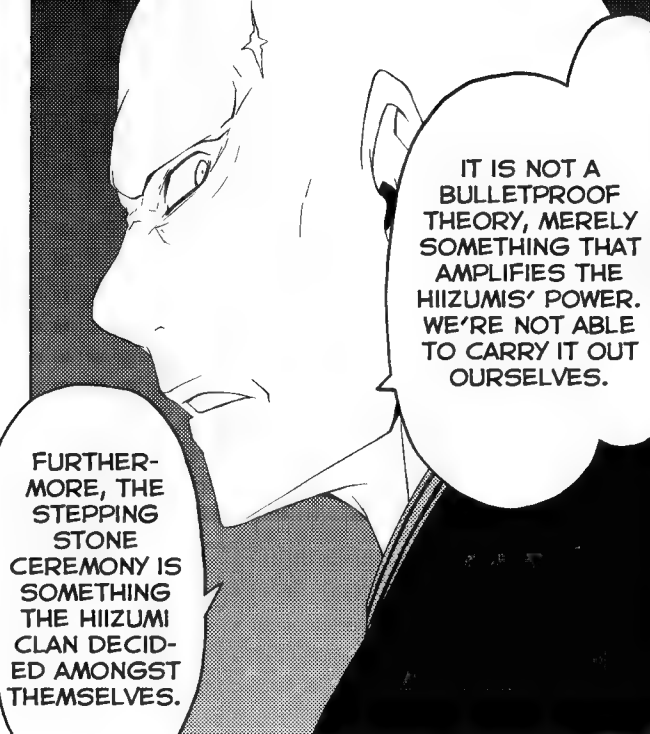


THEN
WE, THE
HIIZUMI
CLAN...

IF...IF
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT
EXISTS
...



THEORY
...



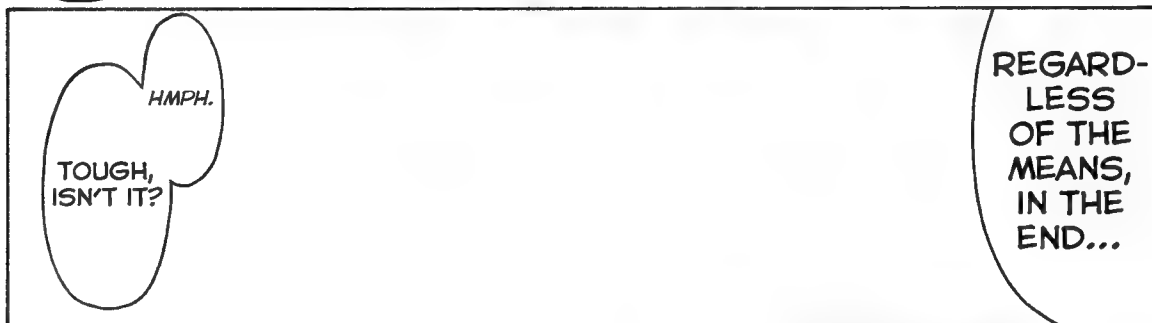
FURTHER-
MORE, THE
STEPPING
STONE
CEREMONY IS
SOMETHING
THE HIIZUMI
CLAN DECID-
ED AMONGST
THEMSELVES.

IT IS NOT A
BULLETPROOF
THEORY, MERELY
SOMETHING THAT
AMPLIFIES THE
HIIZUMIS' POWER.
WE'RE NOT ABLE
TO CARRY IT OUT
OURSELVES.



...TO
CARRY
OUT THE
STEPPING
STONE
CEREMONY
WITH
OUR OWN
HANDS.

...
HAVE
NO REA-
SON
...



HMPH.

TOUGH,
ISN'T IT?

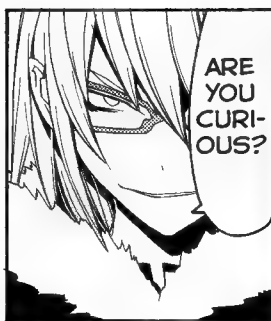
REGARD-
LESS
OF THE
MEANS,
IN THE
END...



I'M
SURE YOU
WANT TO
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM.

I'LL
LET
YOU
MEET
THEM.
OR
MAYBE
...

✦
SWIF



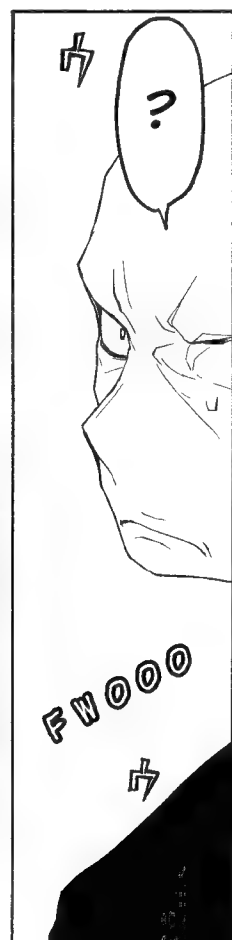
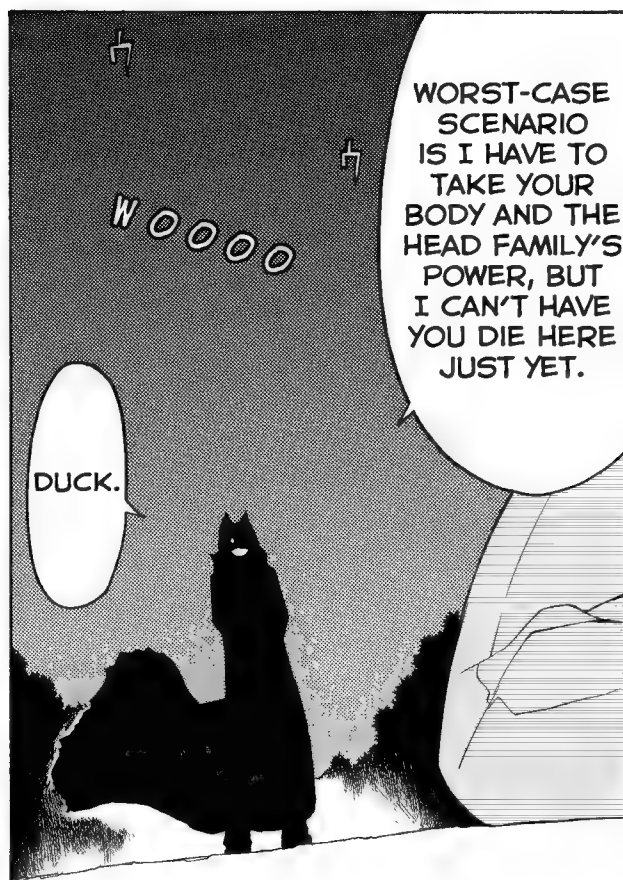
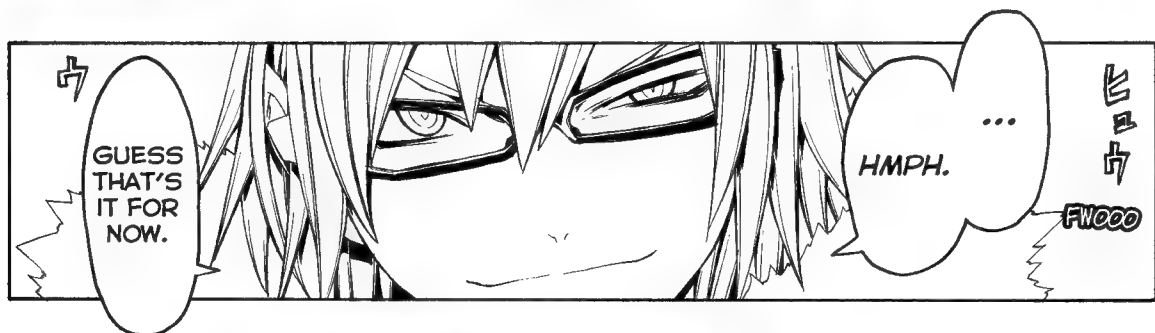
ARE
YOU
CURI-
OUS?



TUNING
YOUR OWN
GRANDFATHER
AND SON
WITH YOUR
OWN HANDS,
UNSURE OF
WHAT AWAITS
THEM ON THE
OTHER SIDE.

THAT'S
A HEAVY
BURDEN.







SHUDDER



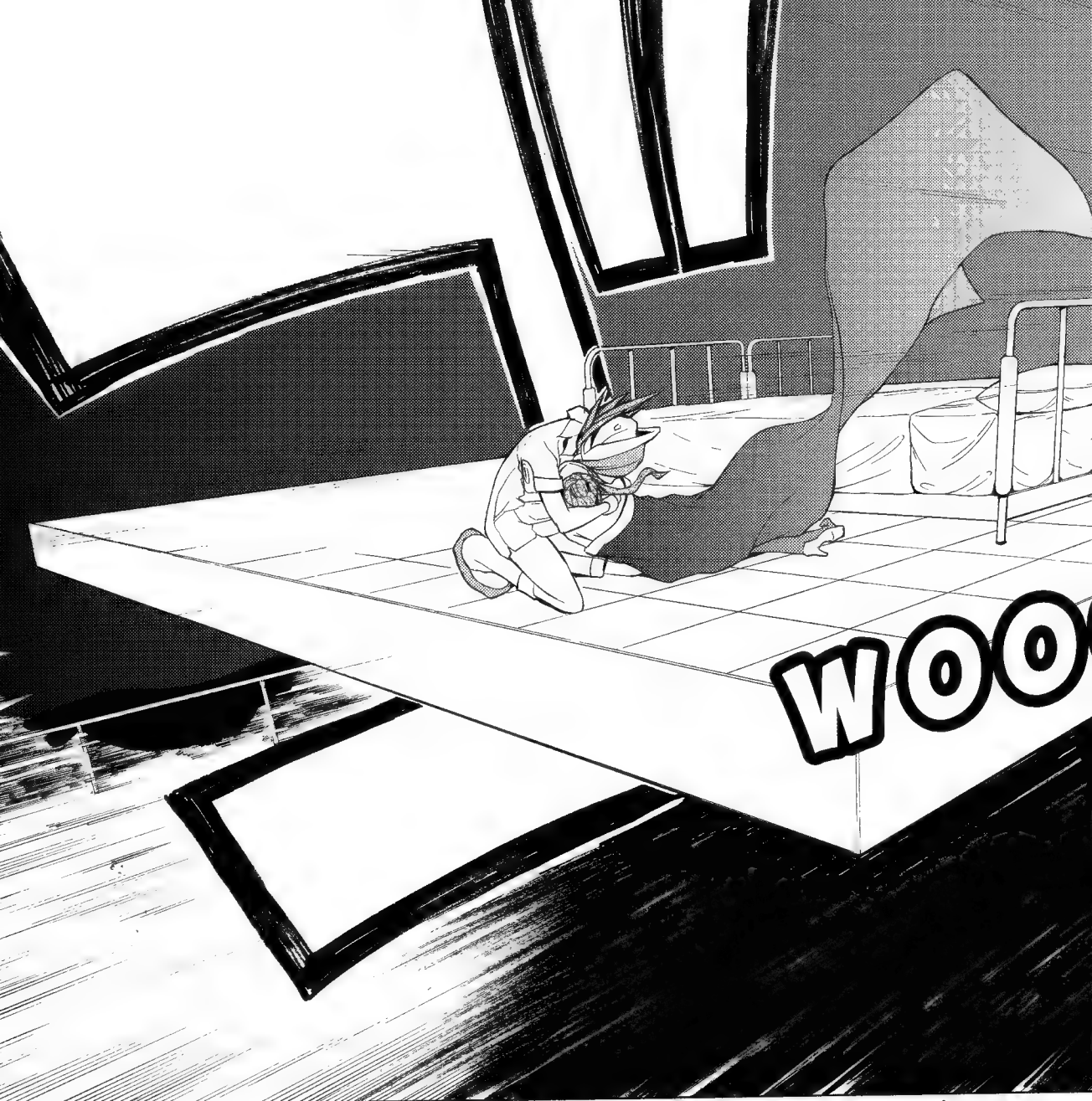
**GET
DOWN!**



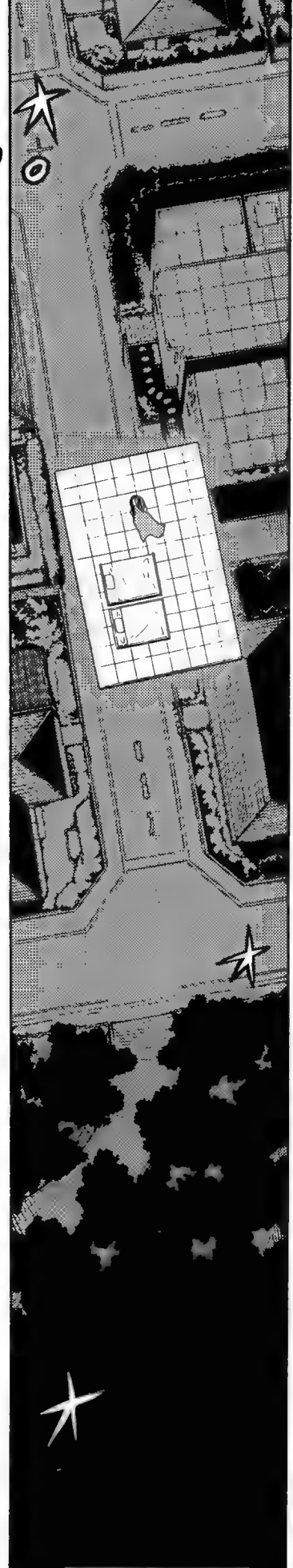
OSH

大

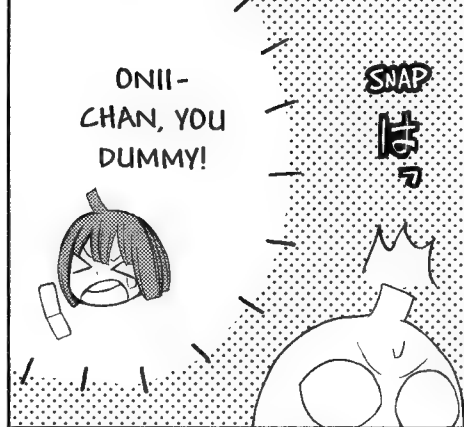


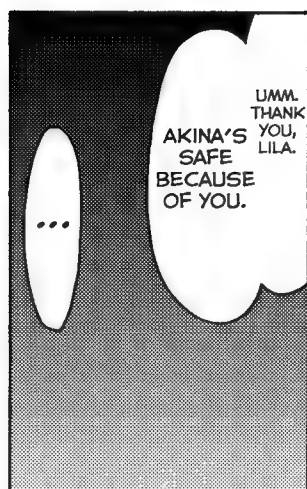
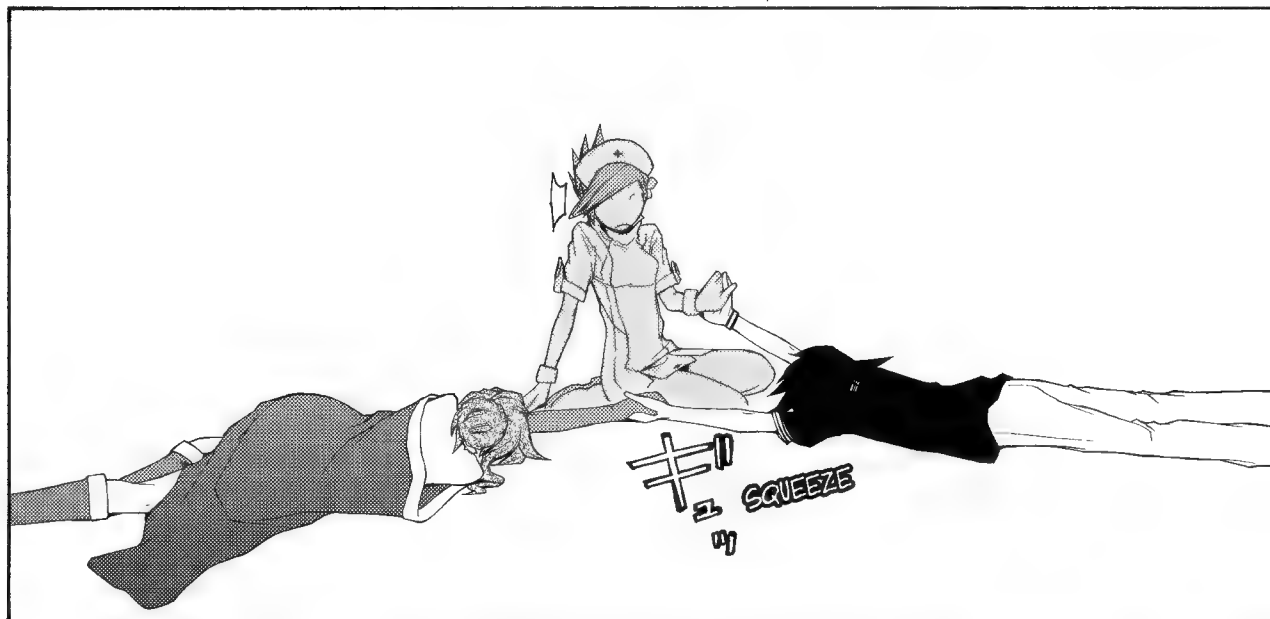
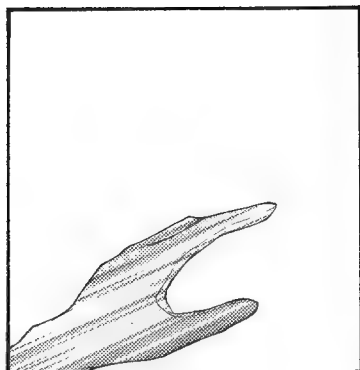














OH,
WELL...
I GUESS
I'LL
FORGIVE
YOU!

わ
！
WOOOW!

WOW!
THEY'RE
SO
PRETTY!



SURPRISING
CUSTOMERS
AND BRING-
ING THEM
JOY...







I'VE BEEN NOTICED!

IT SEEMS A BEAR HAS COME OUT OF THE WOODS, ANYWAY.



MY MOOD IS KILLED.
I'LL PULL OUT FOR NOW.

WELL, WHAT NOW?



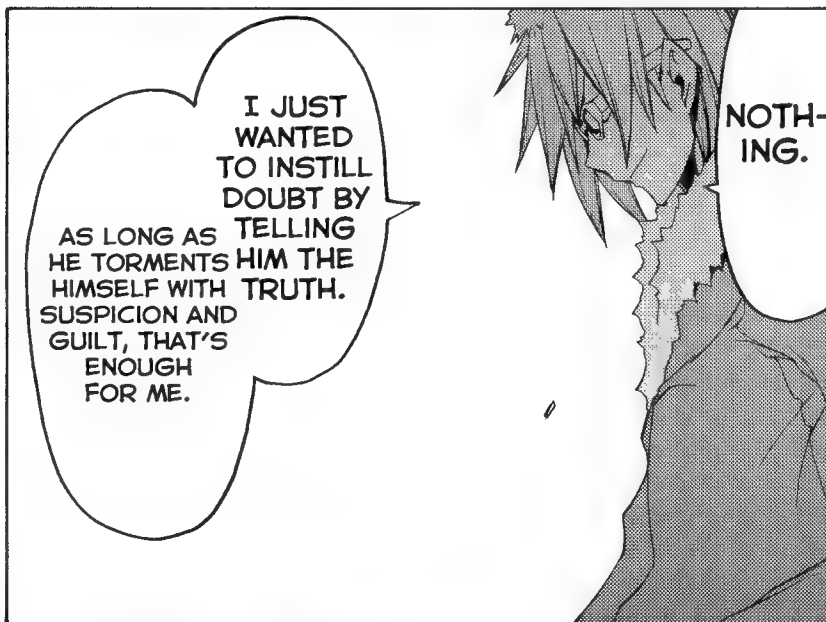
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM THAT?

...TO TELL AKINA A LOT.

PLUS, I WAS ABLE ...

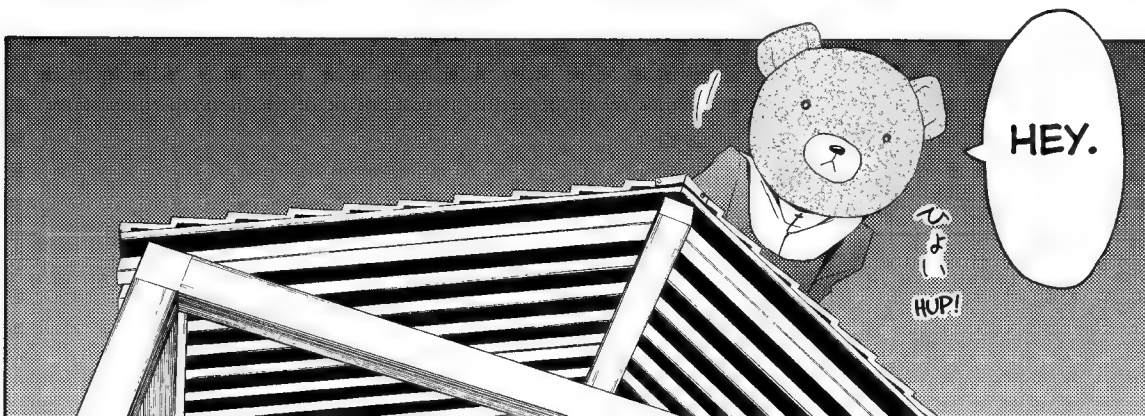


WHAT A SHREWD MAN.

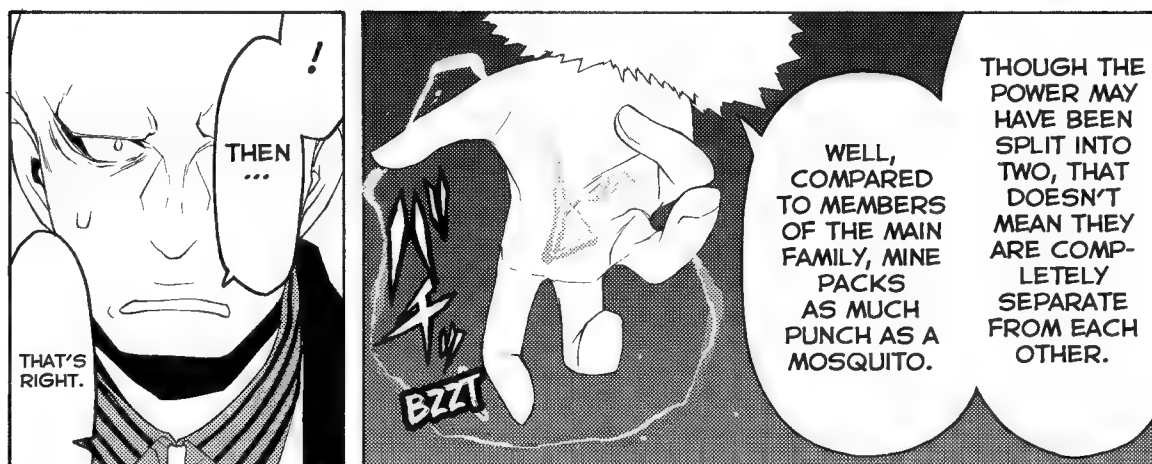


I JUST WANTED TO INSTILL DOUBT BY TELLING HE TORTURES HIMSELF WITH TRUTH. AS LONG AS SUSPICION AND GUILT, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

NOTHING.



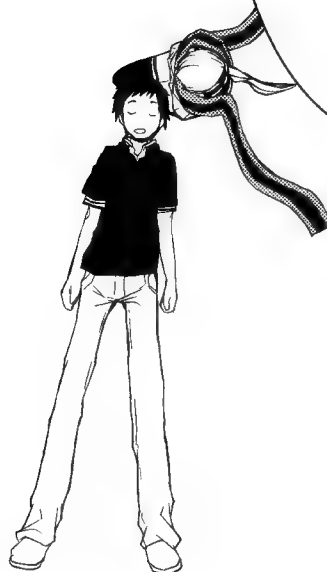
HEY.



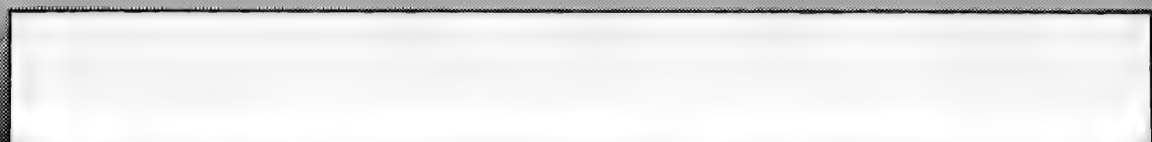
REMEMBER
THIS.

I AM NOT
THE ONLY
MONSTER

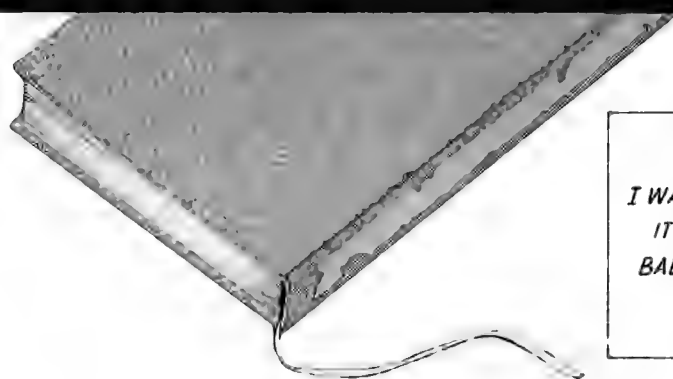
...



...CAPA-
BLE OF
DESTROY-
ING THIS
WORLD.



*THAT I
WISHED
UPON
A STAR*



*I WANTED
IT SO
BADLY.*

*BACK THEN,
I WANTED
TO BECOME
A WITCH.*



I...

*AND
WITH MY
BODY,...*

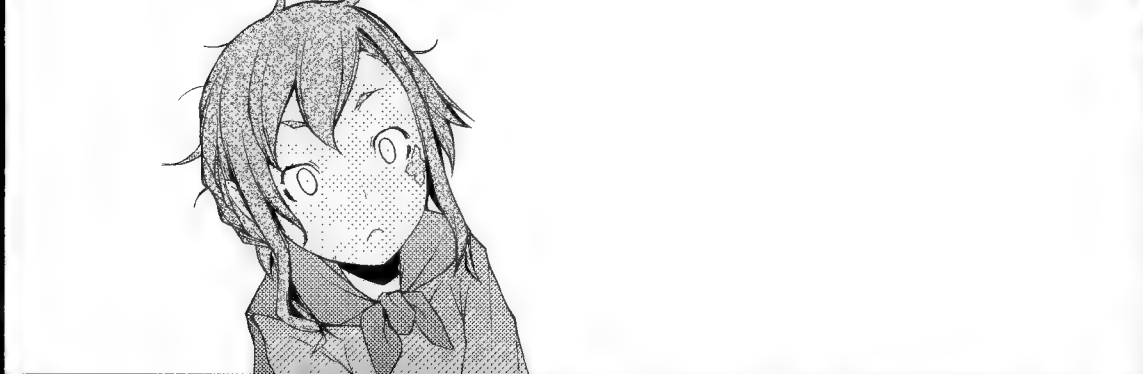
*THAT STAR
ANSWERED
MY
PRAYERS...*

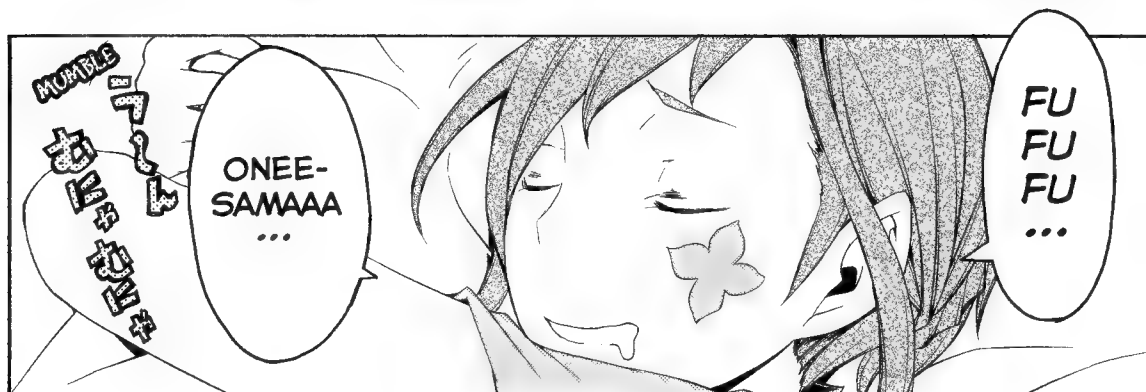
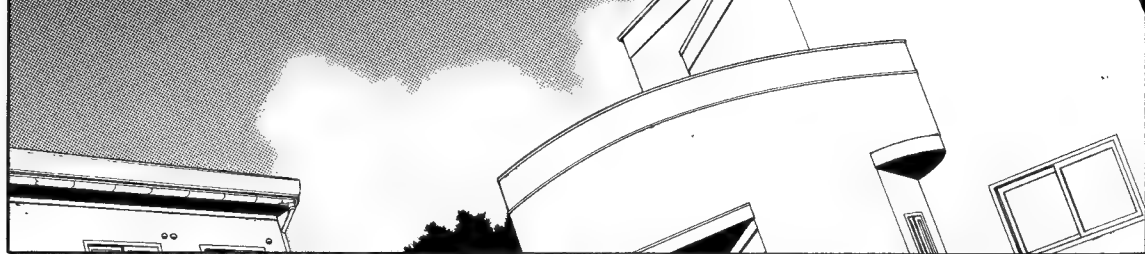
I...

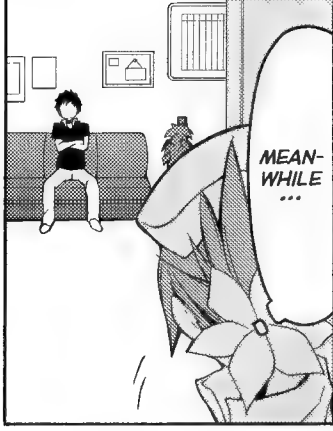
*...AND
FELL
FROM
THE SKY.*











MEAN-
WHILE
...



SHE
SURE
IS
DOWN.



す
す
—
す
SULK

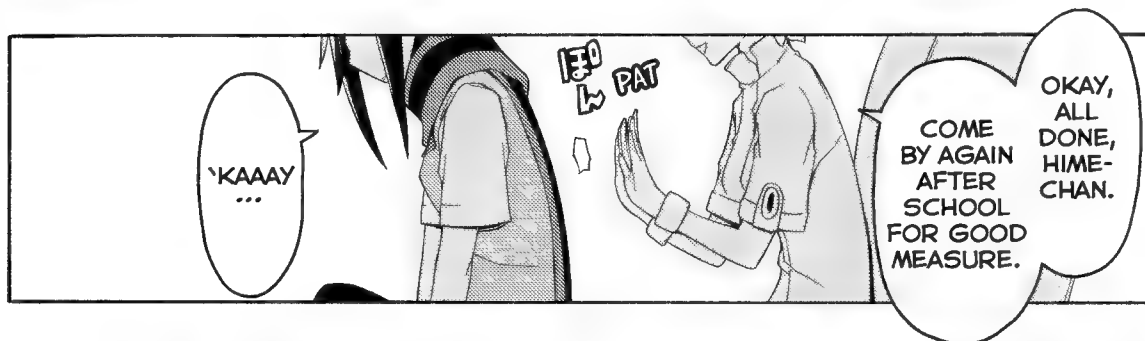


...HE
DIDN'T
GET TO
SETTLE
THINGS
WITH
ENJIN.

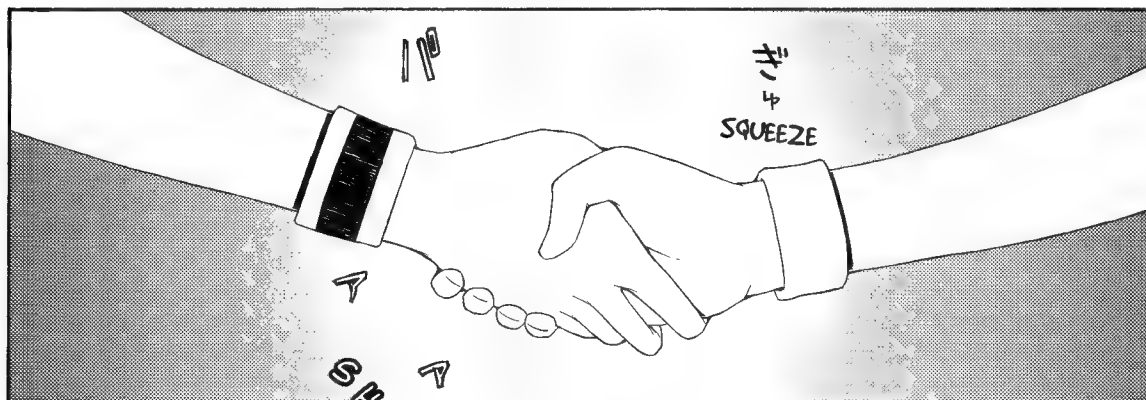
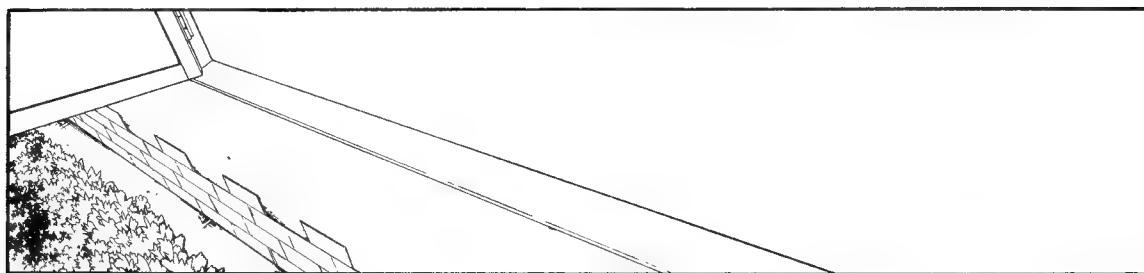
IN THE
END...



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SULK
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SULK







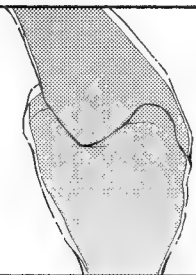


...ARE HUMANS.



THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN HELP AKINA BY HOLDING HIS HAND ...

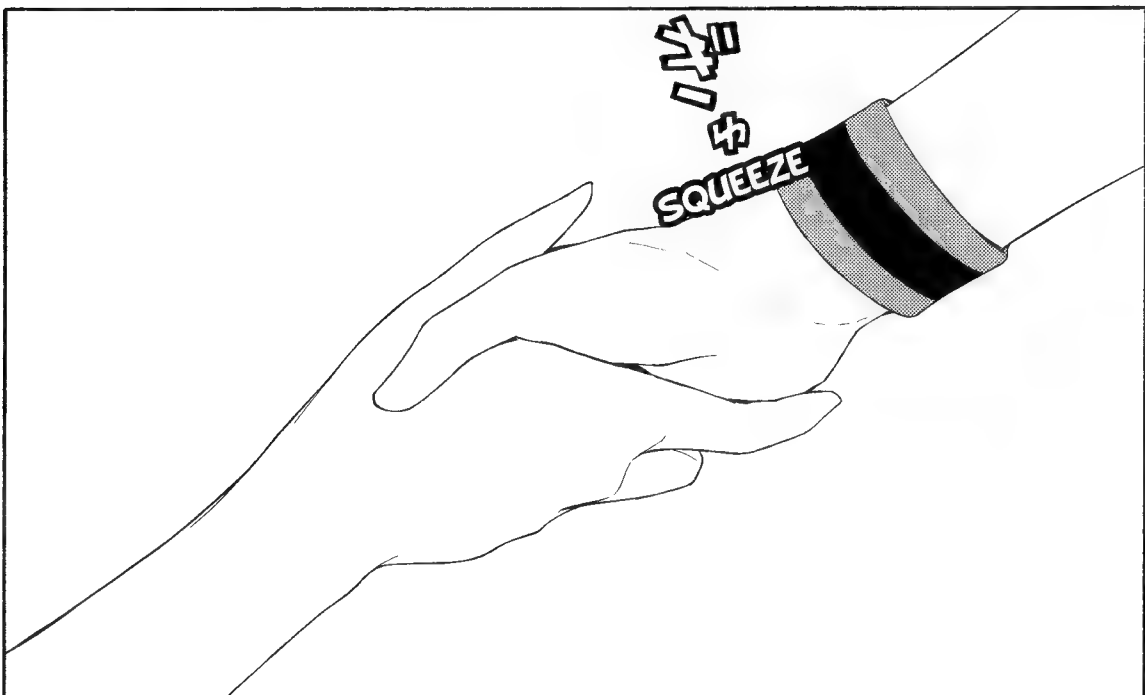
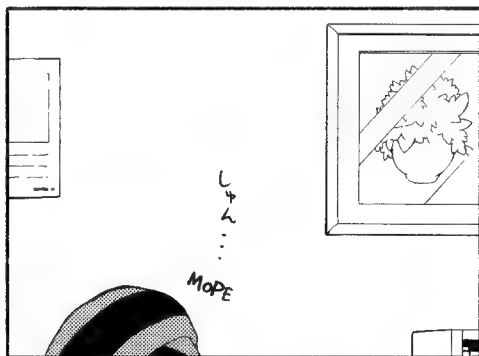
FOR DEMONS LIKE ME...

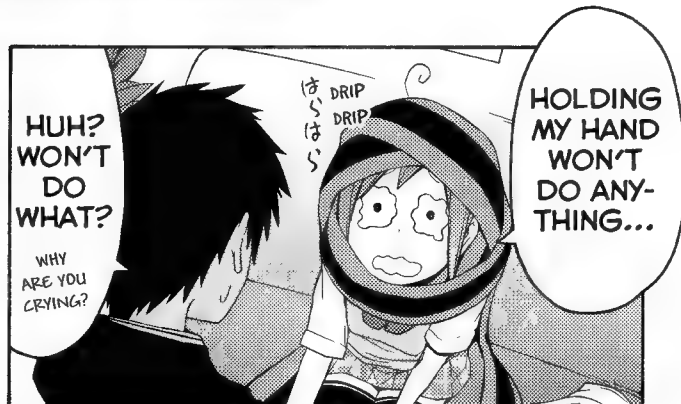
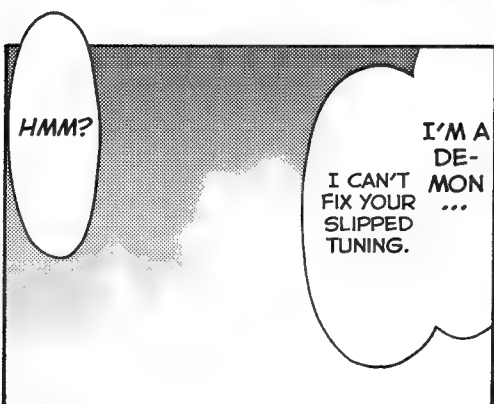
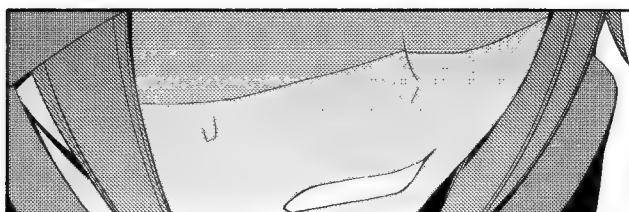


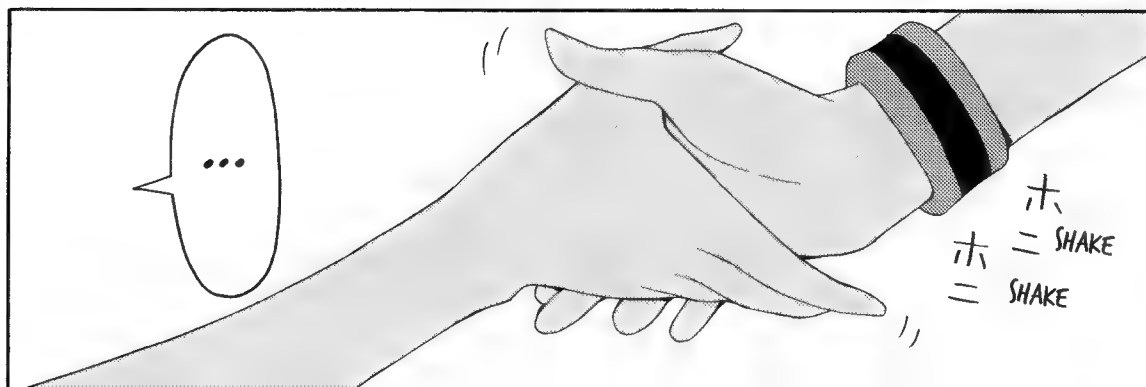
I CAN'T ...

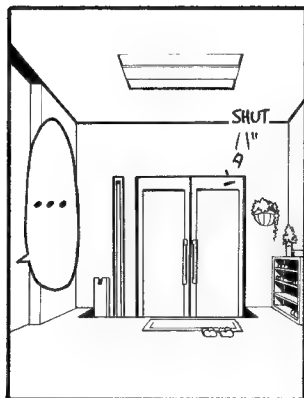
SNIFF

FWOO
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4
3
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THANKS,
JURI-
SAN.

LATER,
HIME.



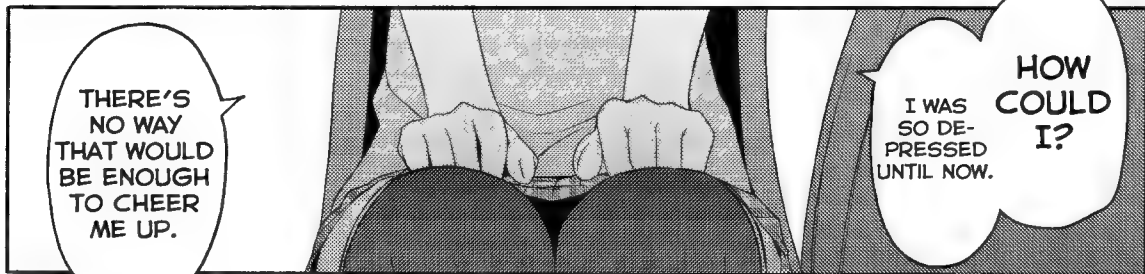
FEEL
BETTER,
HIME-
CHAN?



THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT WOULD
BE ENOUGH
TO CHEER
ME UP.

HOW
COULD
I?

I WAS
SO DE-
PRESSED
UNTIL NOW.



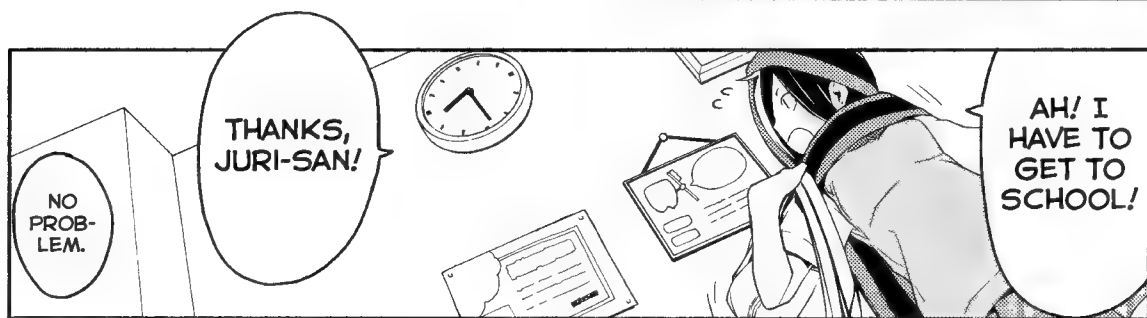
I'M
NOT
THAT
SIM-
PLE
...

I'M
NOT
...





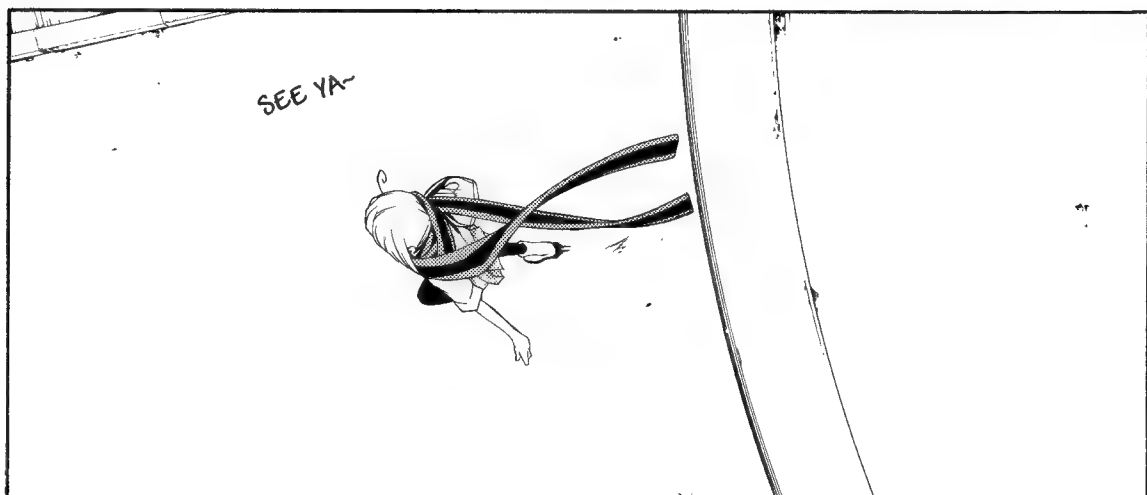
YES,
SHE IS.



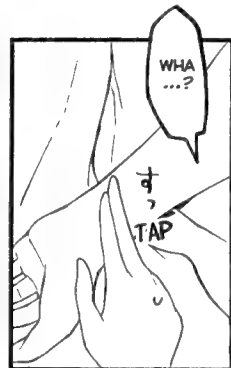
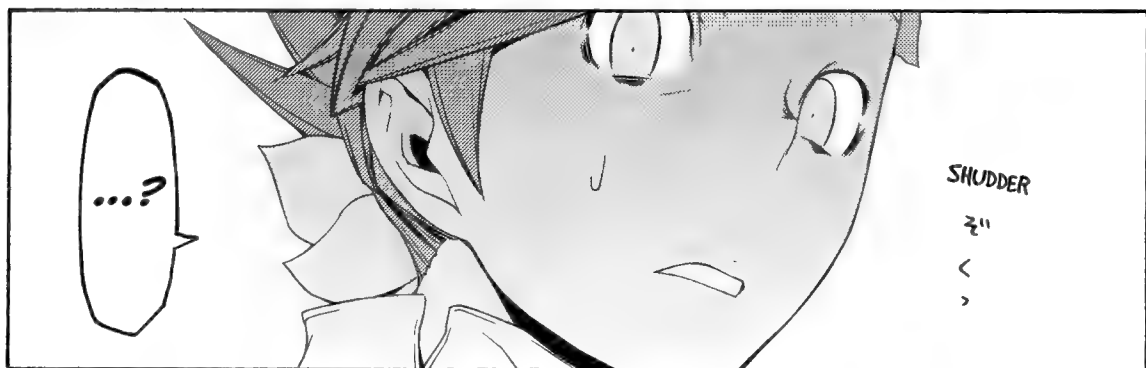
THANKS,
JURI-SAN!

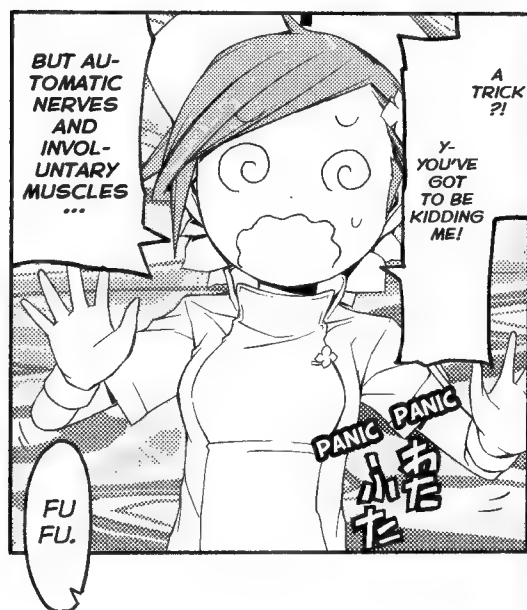
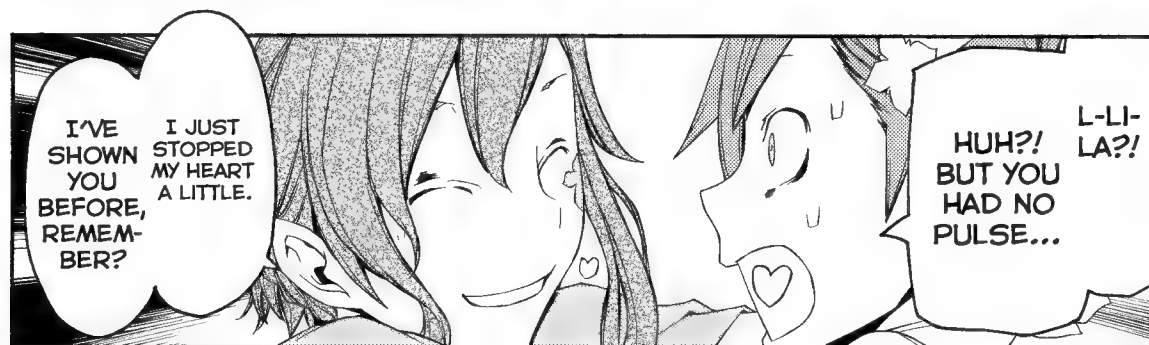
NO
PROB-
LEM.

AH! I
HAVE TO
GET TO
SCHOOL!



SEE YA~







SHE'S
SO CHEER-
FUL AND
HONEST.



HIME-
CHAN
SURE
IS
CUTE.



STOP!
THAT'S
SO DAN-
GER-
OUS!

SIGH

すう

IT'S USE-
FUL FOR
KEEPING
COOL IN
THE HEAT.



YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
BE SO
DELICATE
WITH ME.
I KNOW,
DON'T
WORRY.

I
KNOW.

OH,
BUT
YOU'RE
CUTE,
TOO,
LILA!

HUP.



SHE
SURE
IS.
IT'S LIKE
I HAVE
ANOTH-
ER CUTE
LITTLE
SISTER.



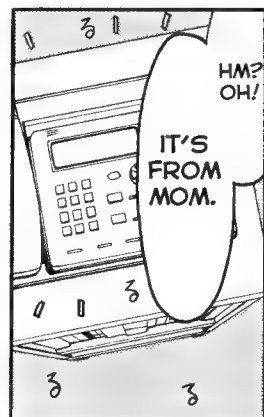
I LOOK
...TO FORWARD ...
GETTING
TO KNOW
HER
MORE.

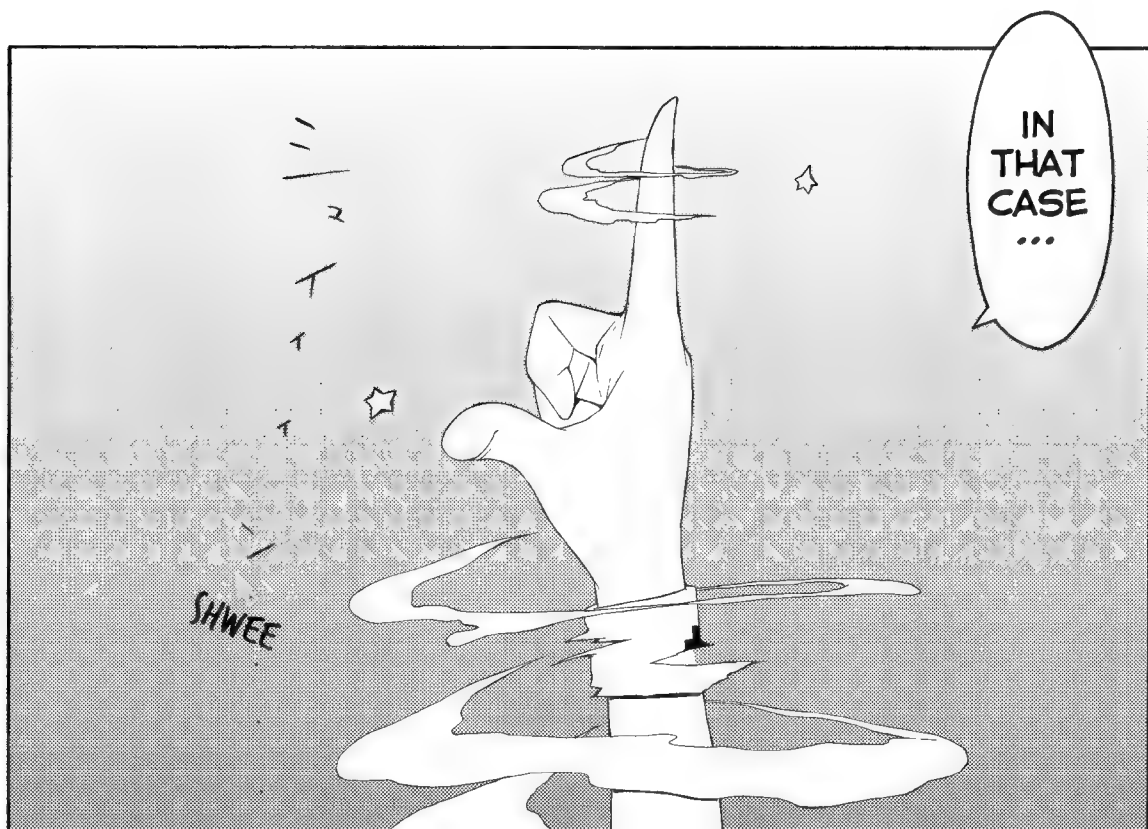
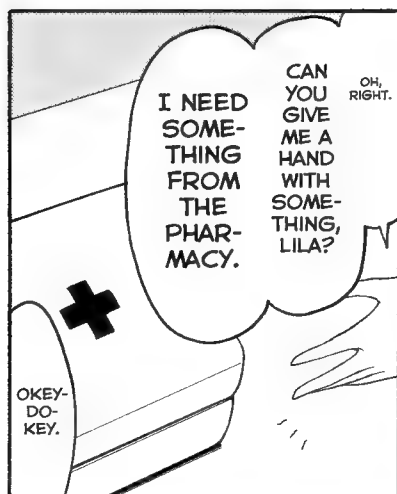
THEN
THAT
MAKES
HER ONE
TO ME,
TOO.

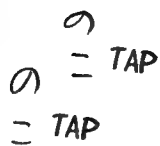
IF SHE'S
A LITTLE
SISTER
TO YOU,

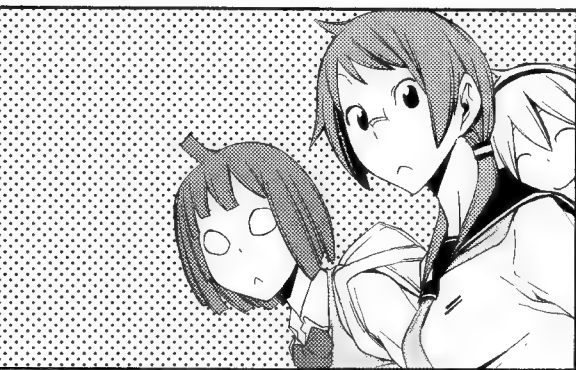


DOES
THAT
MEAN
...











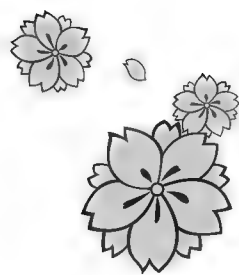




I
ASSURE
YOU,
THERE
ARE NO
TRICKS.

50TH NIGHT SONG OF FLOWERS (EPILOGUE) END

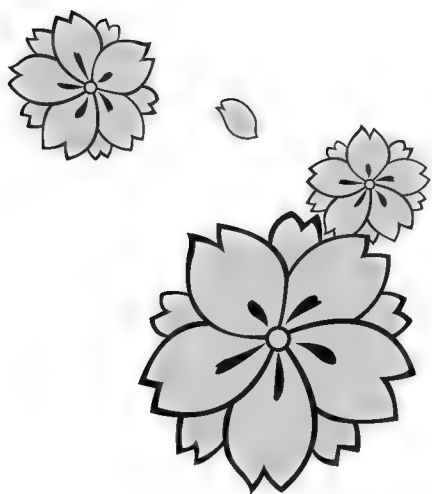
**NO GIM-
MICKS.**

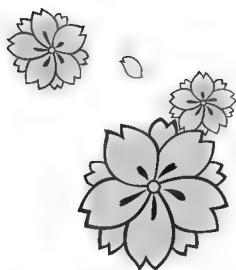


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**YOZAKURA
QUARTET**

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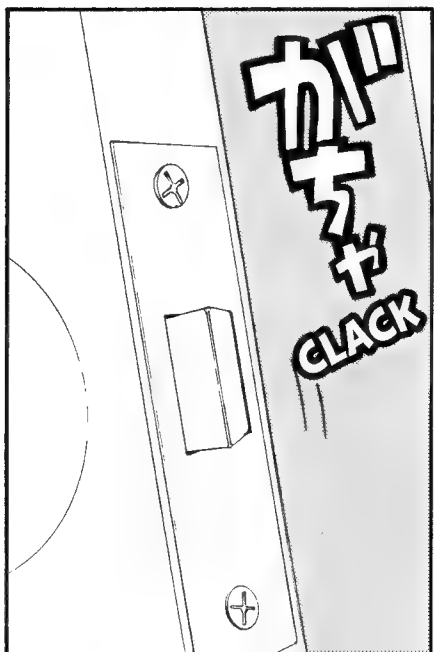


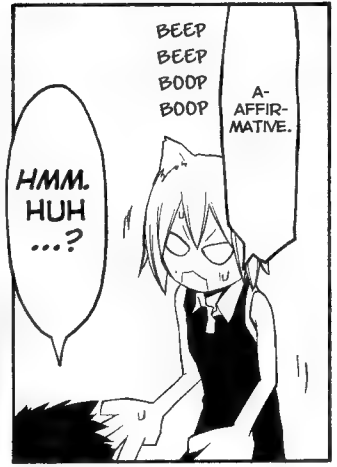
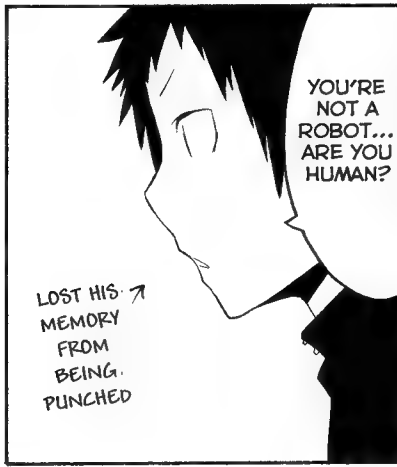
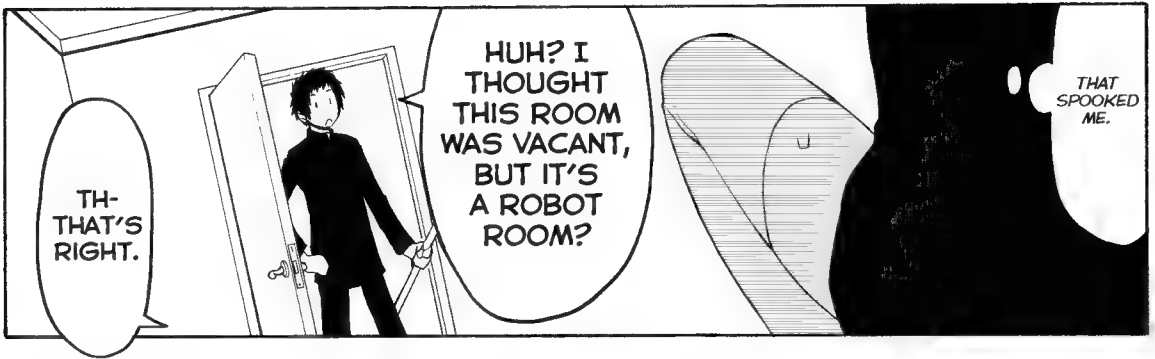
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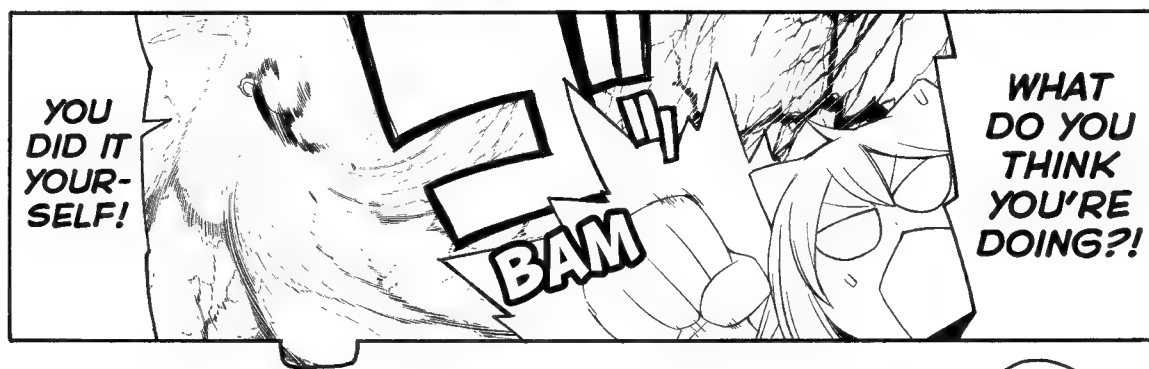


HOW WAS
I ABLE
TO FLY?

THANKS TO
KOTODAMA.

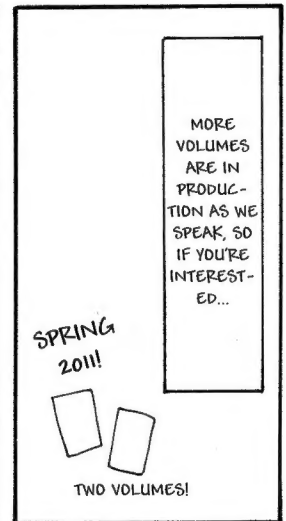
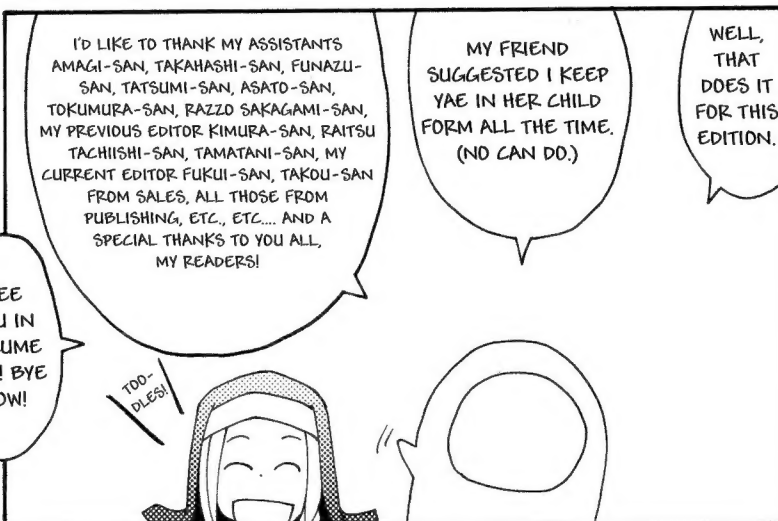
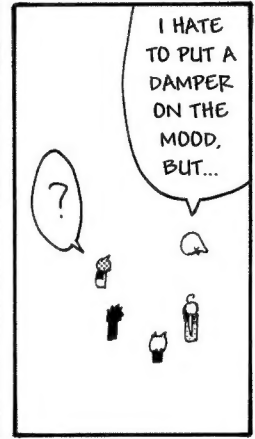
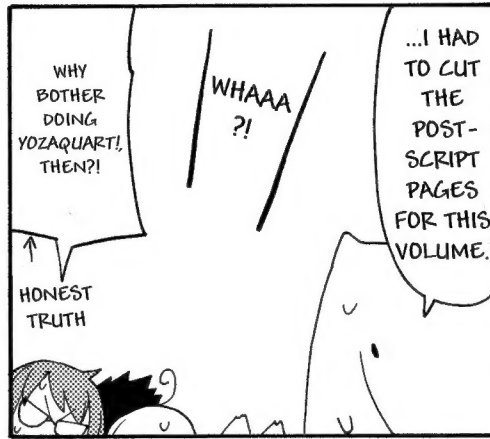
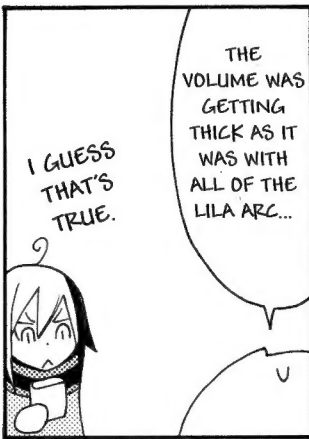
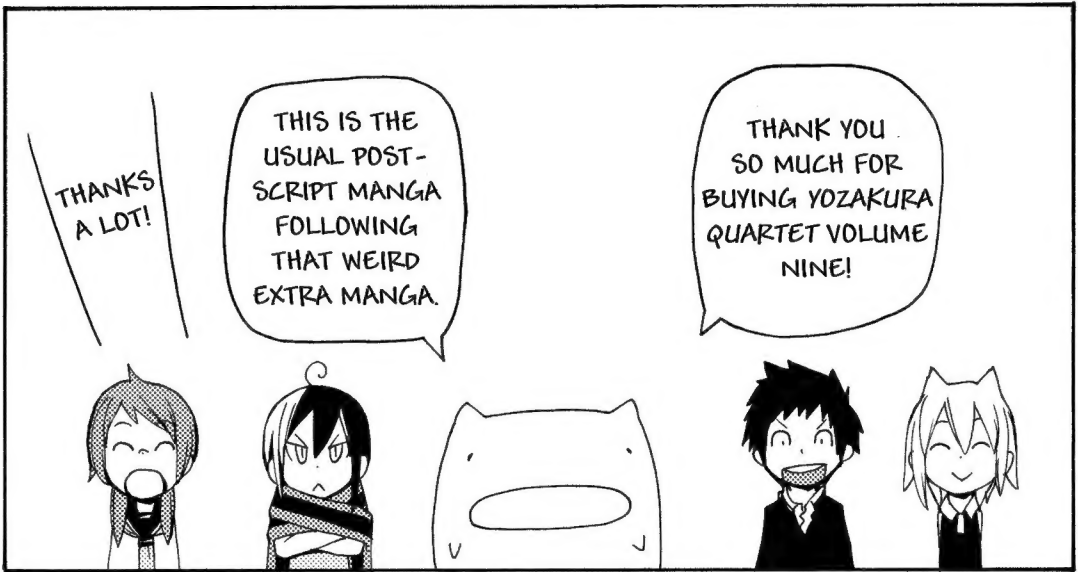








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